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## Ex-Trump campaign adviser sentenced to 14 days in prison

Former Donald Trump presidential campaign foreign policy adviser George Papadopoulos, who triggered the Russia investigation, and who pleaded guilty to one count of making false statements to the FBI, leaves federal court after he was sentenced to fourteen days in prison, Friday, Sept. 7, 2018, in Washington.

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By CHAD DAY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — George Papadopoulos, the Trump campaign ad-

viser who triggered the Russia investigation, was sentenced to 14 days in prison Friday by a judge who said he had placed his own in-

terests above those of the country. Papadopoulos, the first campaign aide sentenced in special counsel Rob-

ert Mueller's ongoing investigation, said he was "deeply embarrassed and ashamed" for having lied to FBI agents during an in-

terview last year and acknowledged that his actions could have hindered their work.

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# Senate concludes Kavanaugh hearing; confirmation likely

By JESSICA GRESKO

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — After two marathon days questioning Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, senators concluded his confirmation hearing Friday by listening to others talk about him — friends stressing his fairness and warmth but opponents warning he'd roll back abortion rights and shield President Donald Trump.

One of the Democrats' star witnesses was John Dean, Richard Nixon's White House counsel who cooperated with prosecutors during the Watergate investigation. He told lawmakers that the high court with Kavanaugh on it would be "the most presidential powers-friendly court in the modern era."

Senators on the Judiciary Committee are likely to vote on Kavanaugh's confirmation on Sept. 20 with a vote by the full Senate the following week.

Republicans hope to confirm the judge, who would nudge the high court further to the right, in time for the first day of court's new



From left, Monica Mastel, John Dean, and Paul Clement, are sworn in before the Senate Judiciary Committee during the final stage of the confirmation hearing for President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, on Capitol Hill in Washington, Friday, Sept. 7, 2018.

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term, Oct. 1.

With special counsel Robert Mueller deep into his investigation of Russia's meddling in the 2016 election, committee Democrats expressed concerns throughout the weeklong hearing that Kavanaugh would side with Trump on questions such as whether a

president can be forced to testify. Kavanaugh, like previous nominees, declined to answer hypothetical questions that might come before him as a justice.

Trump, campaigning in Fargo, North Dakota, said the Democrats had made fools of themselves and crowed that he was looking forward to running against "one of those people" in 2020. Committee members Cory Booker of New Jersey and Kamala Harris of California are among the Democrats considered possible candidates in the next presidential campaign.

Abortion was another main focus throughout the hearing, with Democrats portraying Kavanaugh as a judge who might vote to undercut or overturn the

1973 Roe v. Wade decision establishing a constitutional right to abortion. Senate Democrats, in the minority 51-49, hope to appeal to two Republican senators who support abortion rights to break from their party and vote against Kavanaugh.

On Friday, New York University law professor Melissa Murray told lawmakers that Kavanaugh would provide the "necessary fifth vote that would utterly eviscerate" Roe v. Wade.

On the Republican side, witnesses testifying in support of Kavanaugh included longtime friends and former law clerks. They talked about his intelligence and open-mindedness, calling him "thoughtful," "humble," "wonderfully warm" and

a "fair-minded and independent jurist." A number praised his concerted efforts to hire as law clerks both minorities and women.

Senate Democrats had worked into the night Thursday on Kavanaugh's final day of questioning in a last, ferocious attempt to paint him as a foe of abortion rights and a likely defender of President Donald Trump. But the 53-year-old appellate judge stuck to a well-rehearsed script throughout his testimony, providing only glimpses of his judicial stances while avoiding any serious mistakes that might jeopardize his confirmation.

On Friday, Democratic witnesses expressed concern about Kavanaugh's record on a range of issues including affirmative action, the rights of people with disabilities, access to birth control and abortion. Democratic witnesses also included a student who survived the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, and Rochelle Garza, the legal guardian for a pregnant immigrant teenager whose quest for an abortion Kavanaugh would have delayed last year.

Yale law school professor Akhil Reed Amar, a liberal testifying in support of Kavanaugh, had a message for Democratic senators: "Don't be mad. He's smart. Be careful what you wish for. Our party controls neither the White House nor the Senate. If you torpedo Kavanaugh you'll likely end up with someone worse." □

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"I made a dreadful mistake, but I am a good man who is eager for redemption," Papadopoulos said.

The punishment was far less than the maximum six-month sentence sought by the government but also more than the probation that Papadopoulos and his lawyers had asked for.

Papadopoulos, who served as a foreign policy adviser to President Donald Trump's campaign, has been a central figure in the Russia investigation dating back before Mueller's May 2017 appointment. He was the first to plead guilty in Mueller's probe and is now the first Trump campaign adviser to be sentenced. His case was also the first to detail a member of the Trump campaign having knowledge of Russian efforts to interfere in the 2016 presidential election while it was ongoing.

U.S. District Judge Randolph Moss said that Papadopoulos' deception was "not a noble lie" and that he had lied because he wanted a job in the Trump administration and didn't want to jeopardize that possibility by being tied to the Russia investigation.

"In some ways it constitutes a calculated exercise of self interest over the national interest," the judge said. Memos authored by House Republicans and Democrats, now declassified, also show that information about Papadopoulos' contacts with Russian intermediaries triggered the FBI's counterintelligence investigation in July 2016 into potential coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign. That probe was later taken over by Mueller.

According to a sweeping indictment handed up this summer, Russian intelligence had stolen emails from Hillary Clinton's campaign and other Democratic groups by April 2016, the same month Papadopoulos was told by a professor that Russian officials had told him they had "dirt" on Clinton in the form of "thousands of emails."

Papadopoulos later used his connections with the Maltese professor, Joseph

Mifsud, and other Russian nationals in an attempt to broker a meeting between then-candidate Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

He admitted last year to lying to the FBI about those contacts. In court papers filed ahead of the sentencing, prosecutors say those lies caused irreparable harm to the investigation during its early months.

Prosecutors wrote that those false statements, made during a January 2017 interview with federal investigators, caused the FBI to miss an opportunity to interview Mifsud while he was in the United States.

"The defendant's lies undermined investigators' ability to challenge the Professor or potentially detain or arrest him while he was still in the United States," they wrote, noting that Mifsud left the U.S. in February 2017 and hasn't returned.

In court Friday, prosecutor Andrew Goldstein said Papadopoulos's cooperation "didn't come close to the standard of substantial assistance."

"It was at best begrudging efforts to cooperate and we don't think they were substantial or significant in any regard," he said.

He said Papadopoulos's deception required investigators to scour more than 100,000 emails and gigabytes of data to reconstruct the timeline of his contacts with Russians and Russian intermediaries.

Defense lawyer Thomas Breen said his client was affected by Trump's cries of "fake news" ahead of the interview and was torn between wanting to cooperate with investigators and wanting to remain loyal to the president.

"The president of the United States hindered this investigation more than George Papadopoulos ever could," Breen said.

Even after his arrest and plea agreement last year, prosecutors say Papadopoulos continued to be difficult with investigators, only providing information after being confronted with documents such as emails and text messages.

In response, Papadopoulos' attorneys have acknowledged his offense



An orange shirt saying "inmate" is thrown by a protester at former Donald Trump presidential campaign foreign policy adviser George Papadopoulos, right, who triggered the Russia investigation, and who pleaded guilty to one count of making false statements to the FBI, as he holds hands with his wife Simona Mangiante on arrival at federal court for sentencing, Friday, Sept. 7, 2018, in Washington.

Associated Press

was "unquestionably serious," but they downplayed any damage he caused. His attorneys, Breen and Robert Stanley, said their client lied to save his career and to "preserve a perhaps misguided loyalty to his

master," a reference that is not fully explained in court papers. Stanley and Breen also argued that their client "cooperated fully." He participated in four proffer sessions, they said, and "was willing to answer any ques-

tions posed."

"His arrest and prosecution served as notice to all involved that this was a serious investigation," the attorneys wrote. "He was the first domino, and many have fallen in behind." □

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# Obama issues scathing critique of Trump, 'politics of fear'



Former President Barack Obama makes a campaign stop at Caffe Paradiso in Urbana, Ill., Friday, Sept. 7, 2018, where he did a campaign stop with Illinois Democratic gubernatorial candidate J.B. Pritzker, left, following his speech at the University of Illinois.

Associated Press

By JUANA SUMMERS and SARA BURNETT  
Associated Press

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — Former President Barack Obama issued a scorching critique of his successor Friday, blasting President Donald Trump's pattern of pressuring the Justice Department, his policies and reminding voters that the economic recovery — one of Trump's favorite talking points — began on his watch.

Obama's speech at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign was delivered less than two months before midterm elections that could determine the course of Trump's presidency. The remarks amounted to a stinging indictment of political life in the Trump era.

"It did not start with Donald Trump," Obama said. "He is a symptom, not the cause. He's just capitalizing on resentments that politicians have been fanning for years."

Noting the history of former presidents avoiding the rough and tumble of politics, Obama acknowledged his sharp critique of Trump was something of a departure from tradition. But he said the political moment required a pushback and called for better discourse.

"Appealing to tribe, appealing to fear, pitting one group against another, telling people that order and security will be restored if it weren't for those who don't look like us or don't sound like us or don't pray like we do — that's an old playbook," he said. "It's as old as time. And in a healthy democracy, it doesn't work. Our antibodies kick in and people of good will from across the political spectrum call out the bigots and the fear-mongers and work to compromise and get things done and promote the better angels of our nature."

But, Obama added, when there is a vacuum in democracy, "other voices fill the void. A politics of fear and resentment and retrenchment takes hold." Obama called Trump "the

symptom, not the cause" of division and polarization in the U.S.

Trump, meanwhile, claims he fell asleep watching Obama's speech.

"I'm sorry, I watched it, but I fell asleep," Trump said at a campaign appearance in Fargo, North Dakota. "I found he's very good for sleeping."

Trump said Obama was trying to take credit for this "incredible thing that's happening to our country." Even as he has largely remained out of the spotlight, Obama made clear he's paid close attention to the steady stream of headlines chronicling the Trump administration and said the news is a reminder of what's at stake in the November midterm elections.

"Just a glance at recent headlines should tell you this moment really is different," Obama said. "The stakes really are higher. The consequences of any of us sitting on the sidelines are more dire."

He later added: "This is not normal."

He was especially stern in his condemnation of Trump's pattern of pressuring law enforcement officials, including Attorney General Jeff Sessions. The president has repeatedly called on Sessions to fire special counsel Robert Mueller and earlier this week blamed the Justice Department for indicting two incumbent Republican members of Congress, arguing the moves could jeopardize their seats.

"It should not be a partisan issue to say that we do not pressure the attorney general or the FBI to use the criminal justice system as a cudgel to punish our political opponents," Obama said. "Or to explicitly call on the attorney general to protect members of our own party from prosecution because an election happens to be coming up. I'm not making that up. That's not hypothetical."

As Obama spoke, Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One that he believed Sessions should investigate the identity of the

author of an anonymous New York Times opinion piece that was sharply critical of his leadership, saying the essay a "national security issue."

Obama, reacting to the op-ed account, said "that's not how our democracy is supposed to work."

"The claim that everything will turn out OK because there are people inside the White House who secretly aren't following the president's orders, that is not a check," Obama said. "I'm being serious here. That's not how our democracy is supposed to work. These people aren't elected. They're not accountable."

Obama also jabbed Trump on the issue the current president frequently heralds as one of his greatest achievements: The strong economy. Obama reminded the audience that the economic recovery began during his administration and defended his handling of the 2008 economic collapse.

"When you hear how great the economy's doing right now, let's just remember when this recovery started," he said.

He also criticized Trump's response to the violence last year at a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, that resulted in the death of one person.

"We're supposed to stand up to discrimination," Obama said. "And we're sure as heck supposed to stand up clearly and unequivocally to Nazi sympathizers. How hard can that be, saying that Nazis are bad?"

The speech was a preview of the argument that Obama is likely to make throughout the fall. On Saturday, the former president will stump for House Democratic candidates from California at an event in Orange County, a conservative-leaning part of California where Republicans are at risk of losing several congressional seats. Next week, Obama plans to campaign in Ohio for Richard Cordray, the Democratic nominee for governor, and Ohio Democrats. □

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## Judge will review complaint over refinery near national park

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON BISMARCK, N.D. (AP)** — North Dakota regulators are enlisting an administrative law judge to help untangle some of the legal questions surrounding whether an oil refinery can be built near Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

The Public Service Commission on Wednesday voted 2-1 to have the state Office of Administrative Hearings designate a judge to make a non-binding recommendation on whether a complaint over the \$800 million Davis Refinery should be dismissed.

The judge won't weigh in on whether Meridian Energy Group can build at the site 3 miles (5 kilometers) from the park, but his recommendation could make it more difficult for the company to do so.

Meridian in July began site work for the refinery it hopes to begin operating in 2020, after obtaining permission from the state Health De-

partment to begin building. Meridian maintains the plant will have modern technology and will be "the cleanest refinery on the planet," and supporters say it will boost the area's economy.

Opponents fear pollution from the refinery will mar the park's scenery and erode the air quality at the state's top tourist attraction. The refinery faces several hurdles, including legal challenges of a state air quality permit and a local zoning permit. The Environmental Law and Policy Center and the Dakota Resource Council in late June also filed a complaint with the PSC, maintaining Meridian needs a site permit because the refinery's capacity will be 55,000 barrels per day — above the threshold of 50,000 barrels in state law that triggers a PSC review. The groups cited a number Meridian has previously given to the media, investors and govern-

ment officials.

Meridian maintains the figure is outdated and that the company's current plan is to build a facility capable of processing only up to 49,500 barrels per day — just below the threshold. Meridian has asked the PSC to dismiss the complaint, arguing that the commission has no authority under state law to wade into the dispute.

The environmental groups dispute that, raising the question of whether the PSC has the authority to determine its own jurisdiction. They also question whether Meridian is planning a "bait and switch" in which it builds a refinery and then applies for permission to expand beyond the state threshold after the plant is already in place. The company denies that.

Commissioner Julie Fedorchak said the PSC wants input on the complex legal issues from an administrative law judge. The commission



This July 19, 2018, file photo, shows a sign on property near southwest Belfield, N.D., for the proposed future home of the Davis Refinery near Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Associated Press

will then decide whether the complaint goes forward. If it does, the next decision would be whether Meridian needs to seek a state permit to build at the site, a process that involves public hearings and can take half a year or longer to complete.

In the meantime, the two environmental groups have asked the PSC to order that Meridian stop work at the

site. The commission will not address that request until after the administrative law judge is done with his work, Fedorchak said.

Meridian said in a statement that it is "highly confident" it will prevail in its legal battles and that "all other aspects of the Davis Refinery are proceeding according to schedule, including site preparation work." □

## Court boosts rights of students accused of sexual misconduct

By **ED WHITE DETROIT (AP)** — Students accused of sexual misconduct at public universities have the right to cross-examine accusers at disciplinary hearings, a federal appeals court said Friday in a sweeping decision that will extend to public schools in four states.

The University of Michigan violated the rights of a male student by refusing to allow him or a representative to question witnesses in

an alleged incident of sexual misconduct at a "Risky Business"-themed fraternity party, the court said.

A university investigator found insufficient evidence that a student had committed misconduct. But that conclusion was overturned by a campus appeals panel after two closed sessions. The student, identified in court papers as John Doe, agreed to leave the school in 2016 instead of face expulsion, just 13.5 credits

shy of getting a bachelor's degree in business. His attorney said he was made a "scapegoat" by the university to show that it was aggressively responding to complaints.

"If a public university has to choose between competing narratives to resolve a case, the university must give the accused student or his agent an opportunity to cross-examine the accuser and adverse witnesses in the presence of a neu-

tral fact-finder," said Judge Amul Thapar, writing for a three-judge panel at the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The court overturned a decision by U.S. District Judge David Lawson. The ruling is binding in Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee and Kentucky, the four states covered by the 6th Circuit. "Providing Doe a hearing with the opportunity for cross-examination would have cost the university very little," Thapar wrote.

"As it turns out, the university already provides for a hearing with cross-examination in all misconduct cases other than those involving sexual assault."

University spokesman Rick Fitzgerald said the decision was being reviewed.

"This is a very huge victory for the constitutional rights of students," Doe's attorney, Deborah Gordon, said. "Sexual-misconduct proceedings have to be a search for the truth." □



# Teacher strikes, unrest hit West Coast as unions flex muscle

By SALLY HO

Associated Press

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Fights over teacher salaries and working conditions are escalating along the West Coast, emboldened in part by the momentum from widespread teacher strikes in more conservative states. The teachers in these blue states — with robust teachers' unions, the right to strike and legislatures that are generally more supportive of education funding — are tapping into a shift in public sentiment that supports better wages for teachers that came as a result of the "Red4Ed" protest movement that began earlier this year.

The latest disputes are particularly acute in Washington, a state that has infused at least \$1 billion for teacher pay to resolve a long-running court battle. With students returning to school in the last few weeks, teachers in at least 18 public school districts so far have voted to authorize a strike, gone on strike or settled their strikes in order to get pay raises.

"We saw everywhere from Arizona to West Virginia standing up for fair wages. Now that it's coming to Washington state, we don't feel isolated. We know we have the support of our local community," said Connie Vernon, an elementary teacher in the Washougal School District in southwest Washington, where a nine-day walkout ended Thursday.

Rich Wood, spokesman for the state teachers' union, said local bargaining units at two-thirds of the state's 295 school systems have sought to renegotiate salaries.

In California, teachers in the Los Angeles Unified



Striking Tacoma Teachers walk a picket line, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, in front of Lincoln High School in Tacoma, Wash.

Associated Press

School District also voted last week to authorize a strike, although a walkout isn't imminent. The union and district in the nation's second-largest school system have failed to reach an agreement on pay raises, smaller class sizes and other issues. Both sides have filed charges against the other and a state mediation session is scheduled Sept. 27.

The momentum earlier from teacher protests in West Virginia, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Colorado and Arizona has also carried into other kinds of actions, including an organized teacher hunger strike in Georgia and a ma-

yor rally in North Carolina. Except for Colorado, all of those states have "right to work" laws, which limits the ability for teachers to strike. Teachers there instead scheduled widespread protest "walkouts." In West Virginia, teachers won a 5-percent raise even though they lacked collective bargaining rights and had no legal right to strike. The Washington teachers' union said it has been fighting for schools funding for more than a decade, and that the timing of their latest contract and strike discussions was coincidental to the national teacher uprising.

Michael Hansen, an education policy expert at the Brookings Institution, said the teachers' cause is undoubtedly helped by the political dynamics shifting in the national conversation about teacher value. As the protest movement moves from fiscally-conservative red states without much labor power, Hansen said momentum has shifted to more union-friendly blue states where pay and cost of living are substantially higher. The red-state fights thrived as state-wide actions, while the blue-state disputes are at the district level.

"They sort of feel like a tipping point has been crossed," Hansen said. "Strategically, if you're going to advance and advocate for more teacher pay, this is the time."

More state money toward teacher salaries was funded by the Washington Legislature after a court ruling that stemmed from a 2007 lawsuit. The ruling

said the state was violating its own Constitution by inadequately funding K-12 schools.

This year, many of the teachers urged their school districts to reopen bargaining talks in the middle of their contract period in order to settle the pay disparity.

Teachers at Seattle Public Schools, the state's largest district, had authorized a strike but reached a one-year deal giving them 10.5 percent raises.

In some smaller communities, school district officials have pushed back by suing the unions to get them to work.

The state union is backing all teachers with a new political tactic, ordering for the first time "bargaining season" television, radio and Facebook ads to both put pressure on the districts and urge community members to stand with the teachers.

One ad highlights the state's teacher shortage while saying salaries aren't competitive in a region flush with tech money.

That's also a show of force for the unions after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in late June that declared government workers can't be required to contribute money to labor groups. As the state teachers union flexed its political muscle by spending in such an unprecedented but high-stakes way, local leaders say their membership numbers have not been affected by the ruling even though it has the potential to significantly weaken the revenue base for all labor unions.

Washougal's superintendent Mary Templeton said the state union relationship with the locals has been affected by these broader elements and that it's evident by the rush of political activity being carried out by the larger labor group. She said the district also wants to support teachers with a new salary pay scale.

"We gave a lot because we know how important they are," Templeton said. □

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## Dallas officer in shooting to be charged with manslaughter

By RYAN TARINELLI

**DALLAS (AP)** — A white Dallas police officer who shot and killed her black neighbor and later explained that she had mistaken his apartment for her own will be charged with manslaughter, the police chief said Friday.

It's not clear what the officer may have said to 26-year-old Botham Jean between entering his home and shooting him late Thursday, police Chief U. Renee Hall said during a news conference. But given what investigators currently know about the case, they decided to pursue a manslaughter charge, she said. "Right now there are more questions than we have answers," Hall said, adding that she spoke to Jean's sister to express the department's condolences to the family.

It's not clear whether the officer is in custody, though Hall said she didn't know the officer's whereabouts. According to police, the officer, whose name hasn't been released, returned home in her uniform after her shift. She called dispatch to report that she had shot a man, and she later told the officers who responded to the call that she believed the victim's apartment was her own when she entered it. The responding officers administered first aid to Jean, a native of the Caribbean island country of St. Lucia who attended college in Arkansas and worked for accounting and consulting firm PwC. Jean was taken to a hospital, where he died.

Hall said the officer's blood was drawn to be tested for drugs and alcohol. She

declined to speculate as to whether fatigue or other factors, including race, may have factored into the shooting. She also said the Texas Rangers will conduct an independent investigation.

Authorities haven't said how the officer got into Jean's home, or whether his door was open or unlocked. The apartment complex is just a few blocks from Dallas' police headquarters.

Residents of the apartment complex said they can access their units with a regular key or through a keypad code.

Two women who live on the second floor near where the shooting happened said they heard a lot of noise late Thursday.

"It was, like, police talk: 'Open up! Open up!'" 20-year-old Caitlin Simpson told The Dallas Morning



This Sept. 21, 2017, photo provided by Harding University in Searcy, Ark., shows Botham Jean leading worship at a university presidential reception in Dallas.

Associated Press

News.

Yazmine Hernandez, 20, was studying with Simpson when they heard the commotion.

"We heard cops yelling, but otherwise had no idea what was going on," Hernandez said.

Jean grew up in St. Lucia and attended Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, where he often led campus worship services before graduating in 2016, the school said in a statement. That July, he went to work for PwC in risk assurance. □

## Oklahoma governor candidate charged in murder-for-hire plot

**OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)** — An Oklahoma zookeeper at an exotic animal park and candidate for governor earlier this year has been charged in a murder-for-hire scheme alleging he tried to hire someone to kill a Florida woman, federal prosecutors announced on Friday.

Joseph Maldonado-Passage, 55, also known as "Joe Exotic," was indicted on two counts of hiring a person to commit murder in federal court in Oklahoma City.

Prosecutors allege Maldonado-Passage tried to hire

two separate people to kill the woman, who wasn't harmed.

One of the unidentified people he sought to hire connected him with an undercover FBI agent, who met with Maldonado-Passage in December 2017. The indictment, unsealed on Friday, indicated Maldonado-Passage had been arrested.

Court records don't list an attorney for Maldonado-Passage, who didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

Known for his blonde mullet and expletive-laden rants



In this Aug. 28, 2013, file photo, Joseph Maldonado answers a question during an interview at the zoo he runs in Wynnewood, Okla.

Associated Press

on YouTube, Maldonado-Passage finished third in a three-way Libertarian primary in June.

In October 2017, Garvin County authorities investigated after Maldonado-Passage's then-husband, 23-year-old Travis Maldonado, shot himself in the head in the zoo gift shop. Garvin County Sheriff Larry Rhodes said at the time that witnesses reported Travis Maldonado put a loaded firearm to his head and pulled the trigger to prove the weapon would not fire with the magazine removed. □



# Far-right protests in Germany expose cracks in government

By DAVID RISING

Associated Press

**BERLIN (AP)** — More than 1,000 far-right supporters rallied Friday night over the fatal stabbing of a man in the eastern German city of Chemnitz, for which two recent migrants have been arrested and charged with manslaughter.

In a case that has exposed friction between Chancellor Angela Merkel and top security officials, the flag-waving crowd rallied under the motto "security for Chemnitz" and behind a banner proclaiming "we are the people."

The number marching was far smaller than the estimated 6,000 or so who assembled the day after the Aug. 26 stabbing of 35-year-old Daniel Hillig.

About 500 counter-protesters gathered nearby shouting slogans like "there's no right to Nazi propaganda," while another opposition protest featured an open-air performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony as a sign "against xenophobia, hate and violence."

Local media reported one



People attend a demonstration in Chemnitz, eastern Germany, Friday, Sept. 7, 2018, after several nationalist groups called for marches protesting the killing of a German man two weeks ago, allegedly by migrants from Syria and Iraq.

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far-right supporter was arrested after being identified as having given the stiff-armed Nazi salute at a previous rally, which is banned in Germany, but police headquarters said

they had no details on the report.

Since the slaying of Hillig, the nationalist Alternative for Germany party, or AfD, has sought to mobilize support with its anti-migrant

message. But after a brief bump, polling suggests little change.

An Iraqi citizen and a Syrian citizen have been arrested on manslaughter charges over Hillig's death, which

has also put a renewed a focus on Merkel's welcoming migrant policies and revealed disagreements between her and top security officials.

Interior Minister Horst Seehofer expressed sympathy Thursday for the protesters who were provoked by the slaying.

"If I were not a minister, I'd have gone to the streets as a citizen," Seehofer said, quickly adding: "Naturally, not together with the radicals."

Seehofer, who heads the Bavarian sister party to Merkel's center-right Christian Democrats, has long been to the chancellor's right on immigration, but his rhetoric has toughened as polls show his party struggling ahead of an October state election.

He told the Rheinischen Post newspaper that voters were linking their concerns to the issue of migration, which he called "the mother of all political problems in this country."

Merkel responded in an interview with Germany TV network RTL late Thursday that she saw it differently. □

# Belgium shocked by weather woman's experience with racism

By LORNE COOK

Associated Press

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — Media outlets and politicians in Belgium expressed shock and dismay Friday after two high-profile reports of racism rocked the kingdom this week, raising troubling questions about white attitudes a few weeks before local elections.

Cecile Djunga, a black weather presenter with state broadcaster RTBF, posted an online video saying she had endured racist comments regularly since she joined the station a year ago. Flemish-language public broadcaster VRT then aired an in-depth program about a far-right group whose leader has warned of a "war of races." Both incidents made headlines. Belgian daily newspaper Le Soir published a reverse front page with



An assortment of the Belgian newspapers with references to racism on Friday, Sept. 7, 2018.

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a black background and white text that denounced the way whites regard people of different ethnic backgrounds and foreigners.

"We can't kick this into the long grass anymore. Cecile Djunga's cry for help and the VRT report make it clear: great danger lies ahead and it's urgent to respond," the paper's chief

editorial writer said.

Djunga, who also works as a comedian, explained in her video that she decided to go public about her experience with bigotry after a female viewer called at work and said the weather woman did not look good on television, that she was "too black." Her employers said they would take stands against racism.

Anti-racism organizations say hate speech complaints and crimes motivated by racism in Belgium increased by more than 10 percent last year, but think too few cases result in convictions because charges are often hard to prove. Jail sentences of up to two years and fines of as much as 1,000 euros (\$1,150) are possible.

VRT's report focused on the Flemish nationalist group Shield and Friends (Schild en Vrienden.) Leader Dries Van Langenhove, who has made references to a "war of races," held an automatic weapon in photographs on social media and has appeared with Belgium's hard-line migration minister, Theo Francken, in photos posted online.

Francken told RTBF on Friday he was shocked by the other broadcaster's program. He said he knew of Shield and Friends, "but I didn't know that there were such extreme elements in this organization."

Asked whether his migration policies contributed to prejudice, Francken said: "Racism is for idiots, and all those people who think I'm a hero and who do these kinds of things, write these kinds of things, are idiots." □





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# Back to school, but not for all of Syria's children

By ALBERT AJI  
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**DOUMA, Syria (AP)** — Standing in line in the courtyard of their school in the capital Damascus, scores of Syrian girls in pink and blue uniforms saluted the flag and sang the country's national anthem. A few miles away in a suburb, children played in the courtyard of a rehabilitated school, where shattered windows were replaced but charred walls and pockmarks from bullets remained on building facades.

With fewer areas in active combat in Syria, more children are going back to school this year, the Syrian government said, putting the number at 4 million.

Keen to project an image of normalcy, the government said it has rehabilitated over 400 schools over the last two months alone and called on students to return to wearing school uniforms, shed in years of conflict.

"This is to reaffirm that we have reached victory phase . which means things should settle down, including in education," Education Minister Hazwan Allwaz told the pro-government Al-Watan newspaper in comments published at the opening of the academic year Sunday.

The war is far from over, however, and its devastation has been particularly scarring for the country's children, including those who fled the conflict, Geert Cappelaere, regional director of the U.N. Children's agency UNICEF, said.

Loss of families' livelihoods, pervasive poverty, trauma and continued insecurity — even in areas where fighting has ended — as well as severe aid funding cuts are among the biggest obsta-



In this Wednesday, Sept 5, 2018 photo, Syrian students play in courtyard of a school in the town of Douma, in eastern Ghouta region, near the Syrian capital Damascus, Syria.

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cles facing Syria's children. Some 2 million kids in Syria remain out of school. Nearly one out of three Syrian schools is out of service. Some 180,000 qualified teachers have also left the system. Since April, 31 children were killed by unexploded ordnance, according to UNICEF, including in areas where fighting ended.

In northwestern Syria, where the government is threatening an offensive in Idlib province, 1 million children — many of them already displaced more than once by the conflict — are bracing for a bruising military campaign.

Conditions are also difficult in neighboring countries, where more than 4 million Syrian refugees live, over half of them children. At least 700,000 refugee children are out of school, and many more are at risk of dropping out.

In this new phase of the

war, donor countries are debating how to best to pool their funds.

The Syrian government argues it is now safe for the refugees to return home. The U.N. and other agencies say it is too early but are facing budget shortages they fear will limit services and give refugees the impression they are being pushed back. Donor nations, already tiring of providing aid in multiple conflicts around the region, have been reluctant to pour more money into the prolonged Syrian war, particularly when a political resolution remains elusive. In countries hosting refugees, donors are looking to directly support local governments rather than through aid organizations.

"The reality is the children become once again the playball of a solely political game, the government on the one side and the donors on the other side," Cappa-

laere said. "Ultimately we are standing in the middle and we are crying out loud on behalf of the children of Syria."

Allwaz, the education minister, said UNICEF has cut assistance to students — including a million school bags — "under the pretext that international funding has dropped," he said.

UNICEF says its funding inside Syria is short \$40 million of its needs, a 43 percent gap.

Some of the cuts were a reaction to government restrictions on his agency's access, Cappelaere said, including access to areas recently captured from the opposition, or independent monitoring of spending.

In Douma outside Damascus, even on the first day of school Sunday, parents were still registering their children for government-run schools. Forces recaptured the area earlier this year after years of rebel

control. One principal said over 1,800 students had enrolled in her school, which had 350 students in previous years.

"There is a big turnout" now that the fighting has ended, said Malak Rislán, principal of Seif al-Dawleh elementary school. Many schools offer morning and evening sessions to accommodate the growing numbers.

Taghrid Hailani, 27, said her four children, between 3 and 11 years old, have been home-schooled for years because of the shelling and now lag behind. "They can't read or write . I am glad that they will return to school."

Yasser Hijazi said he kept his children at home because the rebels changed the school curriculum, teaching their "own interpretation of religion."

During recess, the bullet-pocked and charred facades of the school buildings provided shade for the children playing in the courtyard.

In Lebanon and Jordan, UNICEF funding shortfalls were at 48 and 49 percent, respectively.

UNICEF reduced the number of refugee children getting school assistance from 55,000 last year to 10,000 this year in Jordan, said Rob Jenkins, UNICEF country director. More than 50 percent of the 670,000 registered refugees are children.

In Lebanon, the country with the world's highest concentration per capita of Syrian refugees, the cuts meant 20,000 children have lost informal education, homework support and basic school rehabilitation. More than 55 percent of the 1 million Syrian refugees registered in Lebanon are children. □



# Russian pension reform hits vulnerable age group of over-50s

By NATALIYA VASILYEVA

**MOSCOW (AP)** — When 52-year old accountant Marina Grigoryeva was laid off this year, she figured that at least she would be eligible for a state pension in three years' time. But measures announced by President Vladimir Putin last week mean that Grigoryeva, who has been looking for a job for over six months, will have to wait eight years instead.

A planned hike in the retirement age yanks away the safety net for millions of Russians in their 50s, core Putin supporters who struggle to hold down a job, let alone find a new one, and have come to rely on pensions as a meagre but secure source of income at a time of economic uncertainty. "You can't get by on the benefits at all," said Grigoryeva, who has worked for the Moscow City Telephone Network for nearly 30 years. She is entitled to 5,000 rubles (\$73) a month in unemployment benefits, which is half what the government says is the minimum subsistence level. And it's only a tenth of the average salary in Moscow, where she lives.

A recent opinion poll shows Putin's approval ratings crashed this summer following the announcement of the pension reform, while an increasing number of Russians say they are ready to take to the streets to protest it. The president even made a televised address to the nation to explain the need for a higher retirement age and announce some concessions.

Putin had initially tried to keep a distance from the politically sensitive proposal. It was announced instead by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev in June — on the day the World Cup kicked off in Russia.

The plan was initially to raise the pension age by eight years to 63 for women and five years to 65 for men by 2023, though the increase for women was eventually trimmed to five years.

The reform is Putin's most unpopular move in more than a decade. A recent



In this file photo taken on Saturday, July 28, 2018, an elderly woman holds a poster reads "Want to Retire, it's time to change the authority!" during a rally protesting retirement age hikes in Moscow, Russia.

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survey by the Levada pollster shows that 53 percent of Russians are ready to protest against the amendments and that 77 percent would vote against them at a referendum. The surveys were held in July and August, with a margin of error of 3.4 percentage points.

The outrage stems in part from the fact that life expectancy in Russia lags that in Europe or the United States, with the proposed pension age for men just two years below the life expectancy of 67. It is also due to the fact that Russians over 50 are finding it increasingly difficult to keep a job or find a new one.

For the public finances, the hike in the retirement age was long overdue. As the workforce shrinks, the government spends more on pensions every year, earmarking 3.3 trillion rubles (\$48 billion) in 2018, even more than on defense.

Yevgeny Gontmakher, who served as a top adviser

to Medvedev when he was president, says the proposed changes are a "big mistake" because they will sideline lower income Russians who rely on state pension as an important source of income.

"This is big for millions of Russian families," he told The Associated Press. "All of a sudden these people will have lost nearly half of their (expected pension) incomes."

In his televised address, Putin warned that without such a move, the pension system "would crack and eventually collapse." He offered assurances that the state will take care of the over-50s, including a vague promise of jobs, and wrapped up his speech with: "I'm asking you to be understanding of this."

The reform and Putin's address became fodder for jokes and Internet memes. One shows a thug demanding money from a passer-by, who screams "But that's a robbery!" To

which the robber goes: "I'm asking you to be understanding of this."

Putin proposed amendments to soften the reform, including benefits like free public transport for some and early retirement for law enforcement officers, a move that Gontmakher says will undermine the goal of saving money.

55-year old Pavel Pershin, who registered as unemployed for the first time this year, says he would not be thinking of retiring if the job prospects for someone his age were not so grim. Jobs in the private sector, where Pershin earlier worked for over 25 years ago in an airplane engine factory, are drying up in an economy battered by Western sanctions and a weaker ruble.

"If the economy was growing well, then yes, raise the pension age all you want," he says. "I'd love to be able to pay (taxes) if I was able to find decent work, but I don't want to go and work as a janitor or a moving

man."

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Russian labor market has favored workers in their 30s and early 40s, with incomes and job opportunities declining rapidly for people in their 50s, says Marina Kolosnitsyna, economics professor at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow.

Many highly-skilled professionals with university degrees who lose their jobs in their 50s end up working as street cleaners or janitors, says Kolosnitsyna.

Russians, meanwhile, are growing weary as the economy sags. A poll by the Levada pollster released Thursday showed that 48 percent of Russians are worried of losing their job, up 15 points from a year earlier. The unemployment rate is at a record low below 5 percent, but that statistic does not count people who do not both to register for unemployment benefits, which are meager. And employment does not guarantee a good life, either: about 5 million Russians have jobs that pay less than the subsistence level of about \$150 a month.

The political opposition to Putin is hoping to capitalize on the unpopular policy. Opposition leader and anti-corruption campaigner Alexei Navalny has announced nationwide protests in dozens of cities on Sunday, though he will be unable to attend because a Moscow court has sent him to prison for a month.

Accountant Grigoryeva recalls being "speechless" when the retirement change was announced, which in her mind shows that the Kremlin was advocating "policies completely against the interests of the people." She has never been to a rally but now is entertaining the idea of taking to the streets.

She says she would love to keep working as long as she can but the question looms for many Russians who are simply too ill to work in their early 60s: "Those who have no energy left... How are they going to survive?" □



# Myanmar rejects int'l court's right to Rohingya probe

By MIN KYI THEIN

NAYPYITAW, Myanmar (AP)

— Myanmar's government on Friday rejected an International Criminal Court ruling that it has jurisdiction to investigate allegations that Myanmar security forces violated international law by driving hundreds of thousands of Rohingya Muslims from their homes.

The office of Myanmar President Win Myint said Thursday's decision by The Hague-based court was "the result of faulty procedure and is of dubious legal merit."

It reiterated the government's previously stated position that it has no obligation to respect the court's ruling because it is not a party to the treaty that established the institution. It also listed points of law and evidentiary arguments in rejecting approval for the court to make a preliminary investigation.

A special U.N. commission on Monday recommended prosecuting senior Myanmar military officers for suspected genocide.

Because Myanmar is not a member of the international court, some legal experts had contended the court did not have jurisdiction.

But the argument that prevailed, made by court Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda, was that while the Rohingya were forced from their homes in Myanmar, part of the crime involved them being driven across the border into neighboring Bangladesh, which is a member of the court.

Myanmar's statement Friday said the court's decision "was the result of manifest bad faith, procedural irregularities and general lack of transparency."

It challenged the factual basis of the ruling, contending that "The allegations of deportation cannot be further from the truth."

"Myanmar reiterates that it has not deported any individuals in the areas of concern and in fact has worked hard in collaboration with Bangladesh to repatriate those displaced from their homes."

Some 700,000 Rohingya



Myanmar's government spokesman Zaw Htay talks to journalists during a press briefing at the Presidential Palace in Naypyitaw, Myanmar, Friday, Sept. 7, 2018.

Associated Press

crossed into Bangladesh after a brutal counterinsurgency campaign by Myanmar security forces. The report issued Monday by the three-member "fact-finding mission" working under a mandate from the U.N.-backed Human Rights Council alleged widespread rights violations, including rape, murder, torture and the burning of Rohingya homes and villages. Myanmar denies any organized abuses and says the army's operations were a response to attacks last August by an underground Rohingya insurgent group on Myanmar security personnel in Rakhine state.

Earlier this year, Myanmar signed agreements with Bangladesh and U.N. agencies concerning the repatriation of the Rohingya, but it has been dragging its feet in allowing access to U.N. representatives to ensure their safe return.

The Muslim Rohingya have long been treated as outsiders in Buddhist-majority Myanmar, even though their families have lived in the country for generations. Nearly all have been denied citizenship since 1982, effectively rendering them stateless, and they are also denied freedom of movement and other basic rights. Earlier Friday, the top government spokesman

addressed another issue that has drawn international criticism of Myanmar, the sentencing of two Reuters journalists to seven years in prison on charges of illegal possession of official documents. Zaw Htay said at a news conference in the capital, Naypyitaw, that the court's ruling Monday against Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo was the prerogative of the judicial branch, and the government could not interfere.

The verdict and sentence caused international outrage. The prosecutors' case was widely seen as based on fabricated evidence, and a key police witness undercut the case when he testified in a pre-trial hearing that the reporters had been set up. □

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# Venezuela merchants face arrest for defying Maduro's reforms

By JOSHUA GOODMAN

Associated Press

**SANTA TERESA DEL TUY, Venezuela (AP)** — Franklin David was arrested last week in this impoverished town outside Caracas for doing what his family says he has done almost every day for the past 25 years: selling car parts.

In a surprise raid, about two dozen armed police officers flanked by Santa Teresa del Tuy's mayor and journalists showed up at David's four-story warehouse, Autopartes Guarico 2000, and hauled away the 49-year-old father of three for allegedly raising prices by too much in a country ravaged by hyperinflation. His already-struggling business, built from scratch during a more prosperous era, was shut down and David remains jailed on charges of speculation, a crime punishable with up to 10 years in prison.

"It was like they were celebrating a triumph," said Julio Pernia, one of 20 employees who have no idea how they'll feed their families now that their boss is behind bars. "They treated us like killers but all we were doing was our work."

David's plight is shared to some extent by thousands of small business owners nationwide — a few dozen who have been arrested and far more who fear having to choose between closing shop or hitting customers with steep price increases as they adapt to President Nicolas Maduro's sweeping plan to rescue the crisis-racked economy. The plan imposes a more-than-3,000 percent increase to the minimum wage while maintaining laws that threaten prison for storeowners who raise their prices in excess of what state regulators determine. Even so — despite the heavy-handed crackdown that trapped businesses like David's — the reforms announced three weeks ago represent the most serious bow to market forces in two decades of socialist rule.

Developed in secret over several months with input



In this Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018 photo, David David points at a photo of his brother Franklin David, during an interview in his office in Santa Teresa Del Tuy, Venezuela.

from economic advisers to former Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa, the plan consisted of some measures that Wall Street had been urging for years, like hiking give-away gas prices to close a yawning budget deficit and dismantling currency controls in place since 2003. Some opponents even accused Maduro of imposing a neoliberal blueprint — the ultimate insult in a country where hundreds were killed during days of looting the last time economic austerity was seriously attempted in 1989. "We now have to play another way, with Prussian fiscal discipline to definitively eliminate the printing of non-organic money and sustain the creation of wealth through oil production, tourism and more-efficient collection of taxes," Maduro said in announcing the reforms. He also encouraged supporters to be vigilant against price-gouging and denounce merchants who raise prices "excessively." But most economists view the plan as half-baked and ill-suited for a nation sitting atop the world's largest petroleum reserves. They argue that the minimum wage hike will bankrupt businesses and require the

government to print bolivars with abandon, further stoking inflation forecast to reach 1 million percent, according to the International Monetary Fund.

In August, as a new currency with five fewer zeros was being rolled out, prices jumped a whopping 223 percent, according to a report by the opposition-controlled National Assembly. The central bank stopped regularly publishing inflation data in 2004.

"To dismantle this requires dismantling the clientele base of Chavismo with all the obstacles fueled by ideology, populism and corruption," said Orlando Ochoa, an Oxford University-trained economist who has been working the past two years with Venezuela's opposition on an economic transition plan. "Asking Maduro to come up with a complex recovery plan is like asking him to undertake a human mission to Mars." But government backers blame U.S. financial sanctions and what Maduro calls an "economic war" by his opponents.

Pedro Paez, a former anti-trust regulator in Ecuador, was among several officials linked to the leftist Correa as well as experts from Russia, China and multilat-

eral banks who attended meetings in June with Vice President Tareck El Aissami to suggest ways out of Venezuela's economic mess.

He believes that Venezuela's biggest problem remains the price-setting power of its anti-government elite, which for years profited from access to the illegal currency markets and almost free public utilities even as inflation slashed the wages of the working class in dollar terms to the lowest level in Latin America.

"There's no increase in the cost structure that justifies such brutal increases in prices," said Paez.

But that's hardly comforting to small businesses.

Nationwide more than 130 merchants have been arrested since the measures were announced, according to the chief prosecutor's office. They include store managers of the nation's biggest pharmacy chain and at least two others — a Chinese grocer and a butcher — in Santa Teresa del Tuy.

Like many small business owners in Venezuela, the David family had become adroit at averting disaster. The business was started in 1991 by David's father, a mechanic who gradually

built a chain of three stores. Over the years the family business survived riots, a banking crisis and more recently a shortage of imports that depleted inventories by half. The day David was arraigned was the 15th anniversary of his father's murder in a botched carjacking.

But David David, co-owner of the business, said that with his brother locked up, he doesn't know how he'll survive the potent mix of hyperinflation and ironclad controls.

For the first time, he's seriously considering permanently closing shop and joining the exodus of 2.3 million Venezuelans who have fled the country in recent years. The only thing stopping him is the support of loyal employees he says are family and who this week took the unusual step of holding a small protest outside their shuttered workplace with signs that read "Free Franklin" and "Let us work!"

According to a police report obtained by The Associated Press, a manager for the Miranda state government visited the shop on Aug. 27 and asked for the price of a small engine part for a Toyota Tacoma pick-up. When he returned a week later, the price had jumped almost five-fold, to 13,000 Bolivars, or about \$210 at the new official exchange rate. As part of the reform package, Maduro devalued the official rate by 95 percent.

David David disputes the allegations in the complaint, but acknowledges that he had no choice to raise prices of his entire inventory by an average of 30 percent to absorb part of the higher costs for imports and now a 60-fold increase in wages. He says he didn't hike them more for fear it would've dried up the trickle of business he still has. In any case, auto parts have never been subject to price caps like food and medicine, leaving him to wonder what his apolitical family did to deserve such treatment. □



## LOCAL



## Walk the Perfect Mall

By Linda Reijnders

ORANJESTAD — Aruba is hot in every sense of the word, but not just in temperature. When the sun is at its highest, I prefer to beat the heat and escape to a comfy environment. The beach is a great option, but I have a need to shop, have a coffee, walk around, stop, try on that cute hat or buy these awesome shoes. After all of that, I crave for a cool glass of wine and a light snack just before I meet my friend for dinner. Yes, the perfect day!

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The second reason Quora states: recreation and comfort. Well, Renaissance Mall is covered, cool, offers clean public restrooms, is housed in an elegant building with a classy interior and invites guest to play a round at the casino upstairs. Besides that, you're in midtown, the heart of Oranjestad.

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Besides the offerings of the mall, I like the walking too. It is a well-known fact that Dutchies –like me– have a love affair with walking and as a matter of fact Mall Walking is a sport in the United States. Yes, it may sound crazy, but people actually walk and/or jog inside malls for exercise. In my opinion a great health boost in combination with shopping. And it's even better at Renaissance Mall, where you are out of the sun and have restrooms available as well as comfy seats and benches to take a moment of rest. I've got my hat and my new pair of shoes. I drank my wine and had a wonderful steak dinner and now, I will wander off to that sweet, soft suite at the Renaissance Hotel.

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## Promoting Health at Work: A Basic Human Right

**PORT OF SPAIN** — The reality for most persons is that one-third of our adult life is spent at work. This can have a huge impact on the quality of our life. As such, the conditions of work and the work environment can either have a positive or negative impact on our health and well-being," remarked Dr C. James Hospedales, Executive Director of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) in observance of Caribbean Wellness Day 2018.

The United Nations (UN), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) state that every individual has a right to healthy and safe work and to a work environment that enables him or her to live a socially and economically productive life.

In keeping with this basic human right to health at work, Caribbean Wellness Day (CWD) 2018, which

will be celebrated across the Caribbean region on Saturday 8th September, bears the theme, Healthy Communities: Preserving the Workforce. CARPHA is therefore urging persons to Be healthy, stay healthy.... it's your job!

The need for work place health promotion in disease prevention and wellness is critical, as the Caribbean remains the region of the Americas worst affected by the epidemic of chronic non-communicable diseases (NCDs), such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and chronic respiratory diseases. In Latin America and the Caribbean, NCDs are the leading cause of premature death, accounting for nearly half of all deaths of persons under 70 years, and for two out of three deaths overall.

Dr Hospedales said "this is a serious concern for our Region because treating preventable NCDs is very costly and it imposes



a large economic burden on patients, their families, businesses, governments, social security and society at large. A closer look at diabetes tells us that it is a major cause of admissions to hospitals, kidney failure, blindness and limb amputations in the Region." He stated that treatment of hypertension and diabetes in selected Caribbean countries is estimated to cost 1.4% to 8.0 % of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), noting that "the costs are simply not sustainable for

our small, fragile islands and low-lying states."

Although the CARPHA Executive Director acknowledges that workers have a responsibility for their own health, he believes that employers also have a role to play. He is therefore encouraging employers to prioritize the development of healthy workplace policies, provision of supportive work environments and enhancing personal health skills of their employees.

Caribbean Wellness Day is

an annual event launched in 2008, geared at raising the profile of NCDs, which continue to severely and adversely impact the health and economic development of the Caribbean. CARPHA continues to collaborate with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), and other regional and international organisations, to help shape regional and country-level policy and programs that address NCDs for the health and well-being of this and future generations. □

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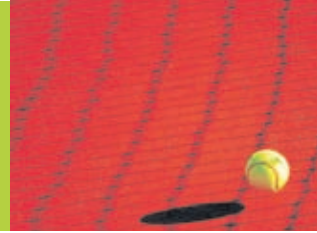
This year a total of 15 groups divided into 10 sections presented their creations. All groups were accompanied by their own musical band or by a DJ. Sembra Alegria a group from Curacao also participated in this event. People of all ages dressed in their colorful costumes and danced throughout the entire route on rhythms of our ancestors. The love and appreciation for our culture could be seen on the happy faces of all the participants.



The main purpose of this parade is to keep our Cultural heritage alive and pass it on from generation to generation. It's a mutual cooperation between musicians, designers, sewers, families, who come together and give their utmost to make this a successful event. People on the side of the road where cheering, applauding and enjoying every single bit of the parade. □



# SPORTS



## Schauffele in front at BMW by 2 shots while Woods falls back

By **DOUG FERGUSON**  
AP Golf Writer  
**NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa.**  
(AP) — Ryder Cup captain Jim Furyk had an easy time deciding on three of his four picks for the Ryder Cup.

Xander Schauffele is making the last one a little more difficult.

Schauffele nearly holed a wedge on his second hole, rolled in a 40-foot birdie putt in the middle of his round Friday and wound up with a 6-under 64 in the BMW Championship for the lowest 36-hole score of his career and a two-shot lead over Justin Rose.

"I'm sort of in a position where I feel like a win is the only way I'd even be in consideration," Schauffele said.

He also made it more difficult on Woods, who again goes into a weekend have to catch up to the leaders. One day after he opened with a 62 — his lowest score since his last victory more than five years ago — Woods went eight holes before his first birdie and didn't make many after that. He finished with two straight bogeys for a 70 that left him five shots behind in a tie for 12th.

"Very simple. I didn't make any putts," Woods said. "I hit a lot of beautiful putts that were on the top of the edge, and then obviously hit a couple bad ones on the last hole, but looked like all the putts were going to in. But they didn't go in today."

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Serena Williams reacts after defeating Anastasija Sevastova, of Latvia, during the semifinals of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, in New York.



**SCHAUFFELE**

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Schauffele was at 13-under 127 and will be paired in the third round Saturday with a familiar figure in Philadelphia. Rose, who played bogey-free for a 64, won the AT&T National at Aronimink in 2010, and he captured his only major at nearby Merion in the 2013 U.S. Open.

"Cheese steaks, I guess," Rose said. "I played well. The crowd latched onto it, for sure. I get good support around here. It's nice when they're reminding you all the time that it's your town, as well. It's nice to have the added bit of enthusiasm from the crowd."

Aronimink was even softer than the opening round from a burst of rain overnight. Starting times were moved up four hours because of a forecast for more rain. The trick Friday, when the average score was 67.33, was to avoid wedges that spun too much to back pin positions. Hideki Matsuyama, who started the FedEx Cup playoffs at No. 76, had a 64 and was in a group three shots behind that included Keegan Bradley, Alex Noren and Rickie Fowler. Matsuyama suddenly is in position to be among the



**Tiger Woods plays his shot from the 13th tee during the first round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at Aronimink Golf Club, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, in Newtown Square, Pa.**

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30 players who advance to East Lake in Atlanta in two weeks for the Tour Championship.

The same is true for Bradley and for Noren, the Swede who makes his Ryder Cup debut at the end of the month. Noren holed out for eagle on the par-5 ninth for a 66, while Bradley keeps flirting with contention in these playoff events.

Rory McIlroy (67), FedEx Cup champion Justin Thomas (67) and Jason Day (64) were at 9-under 131.

Schauffele also needs a good week to get to East Lake, though he would like to extend his season an additional week in France at the Ryder Cup.

A runner-up at the British Open, the 24-year-old from San Diego finished 12th in the Ryder Cup standings. Furyk used three of his picks Tuesday night on Bryson DeChambeau, Phil Mickelson and Woods — Nos. 9, 10, 11 in the standings — and has one more pick after the BMW

Championship.

Tony Finau is regarded the leading candidate, and he did nothing to hurt his chances.

Finau made seven birdies in his round of 64 and goes into the final 36 holes at Aronimink just five shots behind.

"The possibilities are cool, the potential of what could happen," Finau said. "But nothing good comes from thinking too far ahead. I got a couple rounds in front of me, 36 holes to try

and win this tournament. And winning takes care of everything."

Woods once used that phrase — "winning takes care of everything" — when he returned to No. 1 in the world after his injuries in 2013. Winning remains elusive, a cold putter didn't do too much damage after starting with a 62.

He missed a 4-foot par putt on the par-3 fifth hole and didn't convert any of the birdie putts from the 20-foot range. What he made on Thursday, he missed on Friday.

"I hit it just as good and putt it just as good," Woods said. "Nothing went in. That's the way it goes."

Schauffele said he was on a mission, and the Ryder Cup was merely a byproduct. He was the PGA Tour rookie of the year last season after winning the Tour Championship for his second PGA Tour title. Now, results are harder to find.

His mission?

"Just prove to myself that I can win again and just be clutch," he said. "I always thought I was rather a clutch player coming down the stretch and this year has said otherwise. I'm trying to prove it to myself again." □

## Overwatch League expanding to Paris, D.C. and across China

**By JAKE SEINER**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Overwatch League has announced six new franchises, bringing the global esports league's total to 20 heading into its second season.

The league announced clubs in Paris; Washington; Toronto; Vancouver, British Columbia; and Chinese teams in Chengdu and Hangzhou. The league added franchises in Atlanta and Guangzhou, China, earlier this season.

The Paris team will be operated by Drew McCourt, the son of former Los Angeles Dodgers owner Frank McCourt. Drew McCourt has worked for his father at the Dodgers. Frank McCourt also owns French soccer club Olympique de Marseille. Frank McCourt's ownership of the Dodgers



**In this July 28, 2018, file photo, London Spitfire players compete against the Philadelphia Fusion during the Overwatch League Grand Finals competition at Barclays Center in the Brooklyn borough of New York.**

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ended after the club filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in 2011. Drew McCourt is branching out from his father's McCourt Global to operate the esports franchise, and Frank

McCourt won't be involved. Paris joins London as the only European Overwatch League franchises. The league will have 11 U.S. teams, two in Canada, one in Seoul and four in Chi-

na, including the existing Shanghai club.

The push into China is critical for the league, which drew much of its viewership from China in its first season despite having just one

franchise located there, according to Pete Vlastelica, CEO of Activision Blizzard Esports Leagues.

Overwatch has expanded its reach and added potentially pivotal partners in Huya and Bilibili, streaming platforms that purchased the Chengdu and Hangzhou clubs, respectively. The league had agreements to stream matches on NetEase, Douyu and Panda last season — NetEase owns the Shanghai franchise — but Vlastelica said the league is in discussions to shuffle that arrangement for 2019.

London beat Philadelphia for the inaugural Overwatch League championship in July. All the league's teams are based in Los Angeles currently, with OWL aiming to begin true home-and-away matches in 2020. □



# Serena seeks a record-tying title, Osaka a first at U.S. Open

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — For Serena Williams, there was no "wait until next year" during the last U.S. Open.

In the past, whenever a Grand Slam tournament ended without Williams holding the trophy, there was always the belief she could simply win the next one. She was the best player in the game, maybe the best ever, and she was going to be a favorite as soon as she showed up again.

But she wasn't thinking about tennis at this time last year.

She was thinking about survival.

That's what makes this such a memorable run to another U.S. Open final, where she will play first-time finalist Naomi Osaka of Japan on Saturday with a chance to win a record-tying 24th Grand Slam singles title.

Williams lost in the Wimbledon final, but has given herself another chance even faster than perhaps she could have imagined last September, when she would have four operations following the birth of her

daughter, Olympia, during the Open because of complications related to blood clots.

"To come from that," Williams said, "in the hospital bed, not being able to move and walk and do anything, now only a year later, I'm not training, but I'm actually in these finals, in two in a row."

She has won six of her 23 major titles in New York, and with a victory would equal Margaret Court's record. On the other side, the 20-year-old Osaka could be the first Grand Slam singles champion from Japan and the youngest women's champion at the U.S. Open since Maria Sharapova was 19 in 2006.

Osaka wasn't even a year old when Williams played in her first U.S. Open in 1998. She dreamed when she was younger of playing Williams in a Grand Slam final, earning her chance with a Williams-esque waltz through the draw in which she's dropped just 28 games over six matches.

"At the same time, I feel like even though I should

enjoy this moment, I should still think of it as another match," Osaka said. "Yeah, I shouldn't really think of her as, like, my idol. I should just try to play her as an opponent."

They played in March in Miami, when Williams was early in her return to tour and Osaka had just won Indian Wells, a significant victory for what remains her first lone professional title. Osaka won 6-3, 6-2, but both players know there's not much to take from the match given the timing.

"I mean, I was breast-feeding at the time, so it was a totally different situation," Williams said. "It was what it was. I mean, hopefully I won't play like that again. I can only go up from that match."

She has, and she'll be only one spot out of the top 10 in the rankings if she wins after she was barely in the top 500 in March.

But Williams is much more interested in major titles than rankings. She hasn't won one at the U.S. Open since 2014 or anywhere since the 2017 Australian



Naomi Osaka, of Japan, smiles after defeating Madison Keys during the semifinals of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, in New York.

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Open, when while pregnant she became women's tennis' oldest Grand Slam champion at 35. She will turn 37 on Sept. 26, unsure when she'll fully get back to the player she was before her health scares.

But even if it's not Saturday, she believes it will happen. "I just feel like not only is my future bright, even though I'm not a spring chicken, but I still have a very, very bright future," Williams said. □

# Mike Bryan, Sock win U.S. Open, but remain a temporary team

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Mike Bryan, now with more Grand Slam doubles titles than any man, can pick his partnership next year.

He can go back to twin brother Bob, who expects to return from a hip injury.

Or he can stick with Jack Sock, keeping together a perfect pairing in Grand Slam tournaments.

"I think Bob is maybe the front-runner if he gets healthy," Mike said.

Sock sure has given him something to think about, though.

The pair won its second straight Grand Slam doubles title together, beating Lukasz Kubot and Marcelo Melo 6-3, 6-1 on Friday at the U.S. Open.

That gave Mike Bryan his 18th Grand Slam doubles

title, breaking a tie with John Newcombe, and at 40 years, 4 months he became the oldest Grand Slam doubles champion in the professional era.

Six of his titles, also a record, have come at the U.S. Open.

The first 16 titles came with Bob, who was sidelined. So Mike contacted Sock, a past doubles champion at Wimbledon who wasn't planning to play this year so he could focus on singles.

Sock quickly reconsidered.

"They are the greatest team to ever play this sport in doubles, and to be able to be a part of that on the same side of the court — I mean, I have played against them many times, and seeing what that looks like is not fun," Sock said. "So, to be on the same side



Jack Sock, left, and Mike Bryan hold the trophy after defeating Lukasz Kubot, of Poland, and Marcelo Melo, of Brazil, in the men's doubles final of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Friday, Sept. 7, 2018, in New York.

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with one of them and to now hold two pretty big trophies is extra special."

Bryan and Sock, seeded third, are the first team to win consecutive Grand Slam doubles titles since

Mike and Bob won four in a row from 2012-13. They are the first pair to win Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in the same year since Jonas Bjorkman and Todd Woodbridge in 2003.

So what about the idea of keeping a good thing going?

"If Bob and I lose our first match, then we'll talk," Mike said.

He added that his brother has been supportive of the team, and even called and talked to both players immediately after the match. Mike said his success with Sock has motivated Bob in his recovery to come back and leave tennis on his own terms, instead of because of injury.

He joked to Sock that maybe he could play Bob for his spot, though Sock understands he's just temporary. "I'm the triplet now, I think," he said. Kubot and Melo, seeded seventh, were trying to win their second major together, having won Wimbledon in 2017. □



# Foles shows off catching skills, Eagles beat Falcons 18-12

By ROB MAADDI

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Nick Foles could end up playing a new position when Carson Wentz comes back if he keeps this up.

Foles caught another pass in a clutch spot to spark a sputtering offense that looked out of sync and the defense picked up right where it left off last time it faced Atlanta.

After seeing their "world champions" banner unveiled, the Philadelphia Eagles took the first step toward trying to become the first team to repeat in 14 years by stopping Matt Ryan to Julio Jones on the final play again in an 18-12 victory over the Falcons on Thursday night.

Foles hardly looked like Super Bowl MVP until coach Doug Pederson called his number in the third quarter when the offense needed a spark. Foles caught a 15-yard pass from Nelson Agholor to extend a drive that ended with Jay Ajayi scoring the first of his two touchdown runs.

"It's great to have it at the right time if you can catch a team (off guard)," Foles said. "Everybody loves a good trick play."

Foles caught a 1-yard TD pass from tight end Trey Burton in the first half of Philadelphia's 41-33 win over New England in the Super Bowl. Foles asked Pederson on the sideline if he wanted "Philly Philly" but called the play "Philly Special" in the huddle. This one was "Philly Philly" and Pederson said he borrowed it from New England's playbook. Tom Brady dropped that pass.

"Offensively, we were sort of misfiring a little bit," Pederson said. "Just were looking for a big play, somebody to make a play. It felt like the right time."

If the Eagles need any help at receiver once Wentz is cleared to play after knee surgery last December, Foles is ready to go.

Well, not really.

A sloppy, mistake-filled game that featured 26 penalties came down to Ryan throwing an incomplete pass to Jones in the left corner of the end zone



Atlanta Falcons' Julio Jones, left, cannot catch a pass in the end zone next to Philadelphia Eagles' Ronald Darby during the final second of an NFL football game early Friday, Sept. 7, 2018, in Philadelphia. Philadelphia won 18-12.

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on the final play from Philadelphia's 5.

Jones couldn't come down with Ryan's pass from the 2 in the right corner of the end zone in Atlanta's 15-10 loss in the divisional round in January.

"It was deja vu," said cornerback Ronald Darby, who covered Jones on the last play this time around instead of Jalen Mills. "Jones

is one of the best but we got the stop."

A weather delay pushed kickoff back 45 minutes, forcing fans to wait a bit longer for the championship ceremony. Wearing his gold Hall of Fame jacket, former safety Brian Dawkins riled up the sellout crowd with owner Jeffrey Lurie by his side and led a chorus of "Fly Eagles Fly."

It was the most excitement for a while on a hot, muggy night that seemed more like an August preseason game than a playoff rematch. Both teams looked rusty after many starters didn't play much in preseason.

Here are some things we learned from the game:

**RED ZONE WOES:** The Falcons were 1 for 5 in the red

zone after struggling inside the opponents' 20 last year. Second-year offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian spent plenty of time in the offseason trying to improve the team's scoring efficiency. Jones only had three TD catches last season. He had 10 receptions for 169 yards but didn't score.

"It's never discouraging," Jones said. "We just got to keep working, stick together and make plays and get things called down there."

**JAY TRAIN**

Jay Ajayi had 62 yards rushing on 15 carries. His 11-yard TD run and 2-point conversion gave the Eagles a lead with 2:25 left. Ajayi ran in from the 1 on the drive Foles made the catch.

"I knew I would have a good day if I just stayed being myself and being the Jay Train," Ajayi said.

**HEALTHY HICKS**

Eagles linebacker Jordan Hicks had 1½ sacks in his first game since rupturing his Achilles tendon last October. Hicks also committed a penalty on fourth down that allowed the Falcons to have one more play at the end but the defense bailed him out.

"The ability to get back out there and have fun and celebrate and have passion no matter the play, it feels good," Hicks said.

**INJURIES**

Falcons safety Keanu Neal left the game with a knee injury in the first half but coach Dan Quinn said it doesn't appear serious. Long snapper Josh Harris had his streak of 103 consecutive games played end because of a hip injury. Wentz, who hasn't been medically cleared for contact, threw passes and did other drills while wearing a brace on his left knee during warmups. □

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# Lindor powers Indians to 9-4 win over Blue Jays

By The Associated Press

**TORONTO (AP)** — Francisco Lindor had two solo homers and four RBIs, rookie Shane Bieber pitched into the seventh inning to remain unbeaten in nine road starts and the Cleveland Indians beat the Toronto Blue Jays 9-4 on Thursday night for their third straight win.

Cleveland trimmed its magic number to seven for clinching a third consecutive AL Central championship.

Lindor connected on Sam Gaviglio's third pitch for his 10th career leadoff homer and seventh this season. He went deep to right off Gaviglio again in the third for his eighth career multihomer game. Lindor has 33 home runs, matching his total from last year. He added a two-run single in the fifth and singled again in the ninth.

Toronto's Rowdy Tellez doubled in the second and fourth after getting a pinch-hit double in his debut Wednesday, making him the first player in major league history with extra-base hits in each of his first three plate appearances. Jason Kipnis hit a three-run homer off Blue Jays reliever Mark Leiter Jr. in the ninth. Bieber (9-3) allowed four runs, three earned, and



Cleveland Indians' Francisco Lindor hits a broken-bat single to drive in two runs against the Toronto Blue Jays during the fifth inning of a baseball game Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, in Toronto.

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seven hits in 6 1/3 innings. He improved to 5-0 away from home.

Gaviglio (3-8) gave up five runs in 4 1/3 innings to lose for the fourth time in five starts.

**BRAVES 7, DIAMONDBACKS 6, 10 INNINGS**

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Dansby Swanson scored the go-ahead run on Yoshihisa Hirano's wild pitch in the

10th inning, and Atlanta regrouped to beat Arizona after blowing a two-run lead in the ninth.

Coming off a three-game sweep by Boston, the NL East-leading Braves jumped on Zack Greinke with homers by Kurt Suzuki and Johan Camargo to lead 6-4 heading into the ninth. But then A.J. Pollock hit a sacrifice fly and Paul

Goldschmidt tied it with a homer off winner Jesse Biddle (5-1).

The Braves loaded the bases against Brad Boxberger (2-6) in the 10th before Hirano uncorked a wild pitch that scored Swanson.

Brad Bach worked around a walk for his first save with Atlanta.

Nick Markakis had four hits and a run-scoring single

in the ninth for the Braves, who increased their division lead to 3½ games over Philadelphia.

Arizona has lost five of six to fall 2½ games behind first-place Colorado in the NL West.

Nick Ahmed hit a three-run double for the Diamondbacks. **CUBS 6, NATIONALS 4, 10 INNINGS**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Pinch-hitter David Bote had an RBI double and scored in the 10th inning as Chicago came back to beat Washington in the opener of a four-game series.

Bote, who hit a two-out grand slam in the bottom of the ninth to give the Cubs a 4-3 win over the Nationals on Aug. 12 in Chicago, knocked a 100 mph fastball from Jimmy Cordero (1-2) into right field to score Albert Almora Jr. Bote came home on a single by pinch-hitter Taylor Davis.

Daniel Murphy went 1 for 5 with a strikeout in his first return to Washington since the Nationals traded him to the Cubs on Aug. 21.

Chicago leads the NL Central by 4½ games over Milwaukee. Washington has lost three straight to fall to 69-72. Pedro Strop (5-1) pitched a scoreless ninth, and Jesse Chavez earned his third save. □

## Shapiro will 'shed no tears' for Indians' Chief Wahoo logo

**TORONTO (AP)** — Blue Jays president and CEO Mark Shapiro spent more than two decades working for the Cleveland Indians. He'll "shed no tears" when the Chief Wahoo logo disappears from Indians uniforms next season.

The Indians are wearing grey road uniforms without the controversial logo on the left sleeve during their current four game series at Toronto.

During his time with the Indians, Shapiro played a lead role in establishing a block "C" as Cleveland's logo. It replaced the cartoonish image of a big-toothed American Indian with a scarlet face and a single

feather in his headdress.

"I never said it when I was in Cleveland, but I struggled with Chief Wahoo from the day I got there in 1992 to the day I left," said Shapiro, who joined Toronto in November, 2015. "I was happy to see it consistently get diminished, and I will shed no tears when it's gone completely."

In January, the Indians announced plans to remove the logo from their uniforms next year. The move came after decades of protests and complaints that the grinning, red-faced caricature used in one version or another since 1947 is racist. That decision not to wear the controversial logo in



Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Shane Bieber throws to a Toronto Blue Jays batter during the first inning of a baseball game Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, in Toronto.

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Toronto was partly driven by a failed legal challenge against the Indians when

they played north of the border during the 2016 American League Cham-

pionship Series. During the playoffs, a lawsuit was filed while the club was playing in Toronto to get the logo and team name banned from Canadian TV. A judge dismissed the case.

Shapiro said he wasn't especially moved by getting a first glimpse at how the Indians will look full-time next year.

"I'm focused on the Blue Jays," Shapiro said. "I guess there's a small part of me that kind of says 'Good, it's about time.'"

Cleveland will host the All-Star Game next season. The Indians will return to their regular uniforms when they visit Tampa Bay next week. □



# At 41 and going strong, Tom Brady awaits a 19th season

By MIKE SHALIN

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)

— He's 41 now but the joy is still there for Tom Brady.

"It's a blessing to be able to do it," the New England quarterback said Friday as he awaits his 19th NFL season with Sunday's home game against the Houston Texans. "I love playing football. I love the sport and I've been doing it for a long time so I'm not sure what life would be like without it." He got a taste of that 10 years ago when he was lost for the season in the opening game and he was suspended for the first four games of the 2016 season for Deflategate.

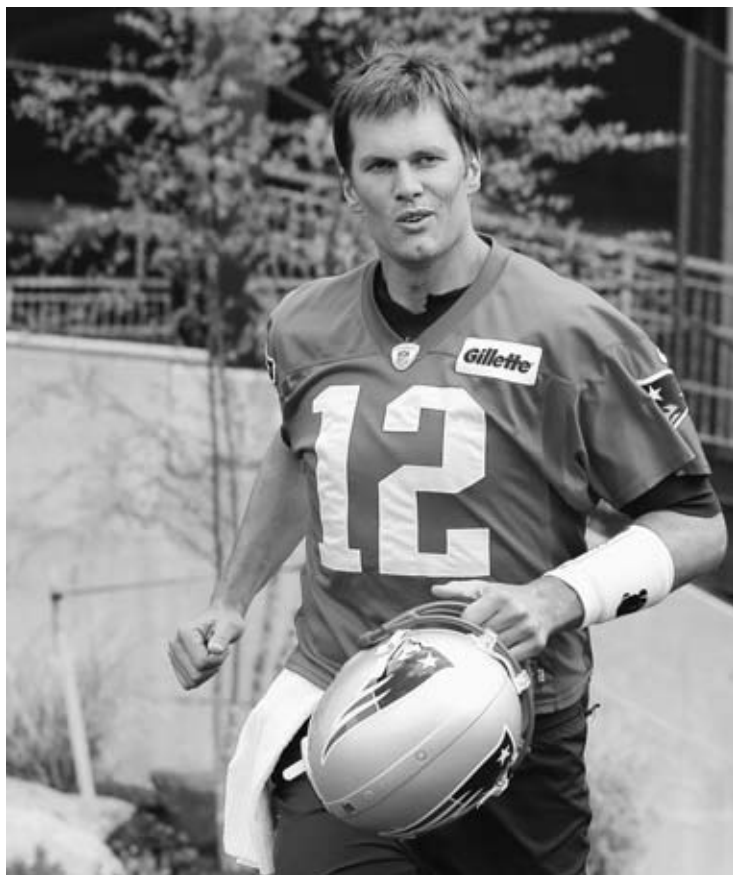
"I've had a few experiences where I haven't been out there, and I haven't liked those very much," he said. "I love playing football," he added. "I love being out there, the preparation, what it takes to be a great player. Those things are still very enjoyable for me and there's no place I'd rather be Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, playing here and playing well."

Patriots running back James White says Brady comes ready to work every day.

"Competitor, from eating (right) to studying, to getting to know his teammates, he knows who everybody in this locker room inside and out," he said. "Just the way he works, you just want to emulate a guy like that — all the success that he's had in this league. He's a great leader for us and there's no better example that you want to follow."

Brady, who recently said he'd like to play until he's 45, says his experience is a true asset as he seeks a sixth Super Bowl title.

"I think you can use it to a real advantage if you do things the right way," he said. "I feel like I have a lot of experience, a lot of knowledge and I plan to use it. I mean, football's fun for me. I feel like I can go



In this June 5, 2018, file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady steps onto the field at the start of an NFL football mini-camp practice, in Foxborough, Mass.

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out there, I can anticipate a lot of things. I've seen all the coverages — we have a lot of answers to the test. Now you just got to go do it.

"Most athletes, by the time you get to a certain point you start to figure it out mentally and physically it becomes really hard. So, trying to be my best physically and be my best mentally and that's a good place to be."

As for his conditioning, Brady says he is comfortable with his situation concerning his personal trainer, Alex Guerrero. Guerrero was removed from team flights last season but has reappeared as a sign of some sort of understanding involving coach Bill Belichick.

"We work together," Brady said. "I don't want to bring on any drama this year — just focus on what I want to do and be a great football player for this team and try to be a good example in the locker room and provide great leadership. That's where my focus is — I know we want to often

times talk about a lot of other things, but I just really want to stick to football."

Brady starts this season with Danny Amendola now in Miami and Julian Edelman suspended for the first four games for a PED violation. There are five wide receivers on the roster, two of them added in the last five days.

"I have confidence in them, certainly," he said. "Phillip (Dorsett) and Chris (Hogan) obviously I played a lot with them last year, Cordarrelle (Patterson) is new and he's done some good things, obviously, the reason why he's here. He's a really good player and he's been productive in the league."

"To be on this team, you have to be a good football player and the guys that are out there certainly I have a lot of confidence in."

Brady refused comment on the airing of Colin Kaepernick's first Nike ad, saying, "I really want to focus on football. get ready for the Texans. They're a great team." □



In this June 22, 2014, file photo, United States' Jermaine Jones celebrates after scoring his side's first goal during the group G World Cup soccer match against Portugal at the Arena da Amazonia in Manaus, Brazil.

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## Jermaine Jones retires, 11 months after his last match

By The Associated Press

Midfielder Jermaine Jones announced his retirement, 11 months after his last match for Major League Soccer's LA Galaxy.

The 36-year-old midfielder, born in West Germany to an American father and West German mother, had four goals in 69 appearances for the United States from 2010-17, highlighted by a tying goal against Portugal in the group stage of the 2014 World Cup.

A member of the youth academies of Bonames, Bad Vilbel and Eintracht Frankfurt, he made his professional debut for

Frankfurt in 2000-01. He transferred to Bayer Leverkusen for 2004-05, returned to Frankfurt midway through the season, then was with Schalke from 2007-08 through 2013-14, interrupted by a loan to Blackburn for the second half of the 2010-11 season.

Jones spent 2013-14 with Besiktas in Turkey, then played for New England (2014-15), Colorado (2016) and the Galaxy (2017).

He tweeted Friday "after 18 years I say good bye. I have a clear vision, after I had a couple of months to concentrate on what comes next!!!" □

## Herrada's lead cut in half in Vuelta stage won by Rodriguez

SABERO, Spain (AP) — Simon Yates cut in half Jesus Herrada's Spanish Vuelta lead in a 13th stage won by Oscar Rodriguez on Friday.

Rodriguez dominated the difficult climb up La Camperona to clinch the victory in the 175-kilometer (109-mile) stage from Carreno to Sabero in northwestern Spain.

The Spaniard broke away

in the final kilometer to cross the line 19 seconds in front of Rafal Majka and 30 seconds ahead of Dylan Teuns.

"When Majka went in the final climb, I thought I wouldn't be able to follow him until the top, that it was lost," Rodriguez said. "But then I got closer ... I saw their faces of pain, I went just a bit harder and I went away." □



# Nike's Kaepernick campaign signals change in shoe politics

By JESSE J. HOLLAND  
Associated Press

A pair of shoes are set aflame with a cigarette lighter, captured on video and shared widely online to protest a political statement made by the manufacturer.

The New Balance shoes were burned by their owners two years ago after a spokeswoman indicated the company's support for President Donald Trump's trade policies.

Nike now finds itself in a similar position on the other side of the political spectrum as some customers cut up its products or burn them because of the company's decision to make Colin Kaepernick the face of its "Just Do It" 30th anniversary campaign.

With the Kaepernick campaign, Nike is embracing activism and racial justice at a time when shoe companies can no longer avoid the nation's political division. After years of building billion-dollar brands around sports celebrities, shoe and apparel makers now find themselves flashpoints in the political, racial and cultural clashes surrounding the Trump administration.

Nike took this route as its biggest representatives — most notably LeBron James and Serena Williams — have spoken out about police shootings of African-American men and problems facing the black community.

Those same athletes are increasingly using their shoes as a form of expression. James' "Equality" Nike signature shoe was unveiled earlier this year, with the word emblazoned across the back of the shoes. Steph Curry has worn a Barack Obama-themed shoe.

NBA players in recent years have worn shoes with messages of "R.I.P. Trayvon Martin" and "Sideline Racism" and images of Ebenezer Baptist Church, where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. preached. Such statements could become more common in the next season after the NBA relaxed the rules over the types of



This Friday, Sept. 7, 2018, combo of file photos shows athletic shoes worn by professional athletes. After years of building billion-dollar brands around sports celebrities, shoe and apparel makers now find themselves flashpoints in the political, racial and cultural clashes surrounding the Trump administration and some athletes are increasingly using their shoes as a form of expression.

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shoes players can wear.

"I stand with Nike, every day, all day," James said Tuesday at a Nike fashion show and awards ceremony in New York.

Trump has blasted the NFL for allowing players to follow Kaepernick's decision to kneel during the national anthem to protest police shootings of African-Americans. Now the president has turned against Nike, which is making the former San Francisco 49ers quarterback one of its main spokesmen.

"Nike is getting absolutely killed with anger and boycotts," Trump tweeted Wednesday.

Athletic apparel companies have straddled the entertainment and cultural worlds for years partly with their emulation of black culture — think Run-DMC's Adidas shoe deal in the wake of the group's rap hit "My Adidas" and Nike's "Air Jordan" campaigns featuring Michael Jordan and Spike Lee.

This has created a billion-dollar industry and the cultural challenge of how to appeal to minority and youth communities as well as to the country's white, sometimes conservative, majority.

But the companies and major sports leagues have been careful not to stray into real politics, famously symbolized by Jordan, who reportedly said Republicans buy shoes, too. While Jordan and others in his era were thrilled to have lucra-



Palm trees frame a large billboard on top of a Nike store that shows former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick at Union Square, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, in San Francisco.

Associated Press

tive shoe deals, the current generation is going farther by using their sneaker deals as a platform to promote social justice.

And with that shift, Nike is taking the side of its superstar athletes — even if it means alienating Trump supporters and intertwining shoes and politics.

Many companies "feel the need to align with players, because players help them move the product," said Michael Lewis, director of the Marketing Analytics Center at Emory University in Atlanta.

Clothing and shoe makers have always had a back-and-forth relationship with

minority communities. Business boomed as black athletes became spokesmen and spokeswomen, but questions arose over how much the companies invested financially in black communities, compared with how much they made by exploiting African-American trends.

The relationship began in the 1980s, when Nike, Adidas, Reebok and Converse became staples of black fashion, and African-American youth sought to emulate the stars of the day, like Jordan, Run-DMC and other figures associated with the burgeoning hip-hop culture. Footwear came to

symbolize status and street style. Sneakerheads lined up outside stores to get the newest shoes.

Companies "have made millions off of following trends from the black community, and so they have to be cognizant of the feelings of that community," said Antonio S. Williams, who teaches sports marketing at Indiana University. "It only takes one or two incidents for shoes to be pushed aside and declared uncool and left behind, so they are very aware of the cultural exchanges and trends going on in their base communities."

New Balance tried to steer clear of politics in 2016 after coming out in support of Trump's desire to remove the United States from the Trans-Pacific Partnership. A company official said "things are going to move in the right direction" under a Trump presidency. Protesters took that as support for Trump and began burning New Balance shoes and posting videos. At least one white supremacist declared that New Balances were the shoes of "The Trump Revolution."

New Balance quickly released a statement saying the official's remark was taken out of context. The company insisted that it "does not tolerate bigotry or hate in any form" and "believes in humanity, integrity, community and mutual respect for people around the world."

Unlike New Balance, Nike doesn't seem to be backing down. Its two-minute commercial, highlighting Kaepernick, James, Serena Williams and others, aired Thursday during halftime of the NFL's season opener.

Nike has likely figured out that its core consumers — the people who regularly buy its sneakers and clothes — are probably the millennials and minority youth who already support Kaepernick or at least don't mind the stance he is taking, Antonio Williams said.

"Nike wants to be on the right side of history and the right side of its core consumers," he said. □



# As Google turns 20, questions over whether it's too powerful

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Twenty years after Larry Page and Sergey Brin set out to organize all of the internet's information, the search engine they named Google has morphed into a dominating force in smartphones, online video, email, maps and much more.

That resounding success now has regulators and lawmakers around the world questioning whether the company has become too powerful as its ubiquitous services vacuum up sensitive information about billions of people hooked on its products.

Google's search engine remains entrenched as the internet's main gateway, and its digital advertising business is on pace to generate about \$110 billion in revenue this year. Much of that revenue now flows through Google's Android operating system, which powers 80 percent of the world's smartphones. Google also runs the biggest video site in YouTube, the most popular web



In this April 17, 2007, file photo exhibitors of the Google company work in front of a illuminated sign at the industrial fair Hannover Messe in Hanover, Germany.

browser in Chrome, the top email service in Gmail and the maps that most people use to get around.

Not bad for a company that started 20 years ago Friday with an initial investment of \$100,000. Google and its sibling companies operating under the umbrella of Alphabet Inc. are now worth \$800 billion.

Although Google wouldn't comment for this story, the company has repeatedly pointed out that its mostly free products are so widely used because people like them.

Google's success often draws comparisons with Microsoft.

By 1998, the year Google started, U.S. regulators had

become so concerned about Microsoft's power through its Windows operating system that they had begun to explore a forced breakup. Although Microsoft remained intact, the multiyear battle with the U.S. government and other disputes with European regulators hobbled and distracted Microsoft, helping

to propel the rise of Google and Apple.

Google is now confronting the same potential fate.

"Google is in the government's crosshairs," said Ken Auletta, who was given inside access to the company while writing his 2009 book, "Googled: The End of the World As We Know It." "This company once had a certain glow to it, but it is losing its halo."

Just this past week, Google raised hackles in Congress by refusing to send Page or its current CEO, Sundar Pichai, to a hearing on Russian manipulation of internet services to sway U.S. elections. Congressional officials left an empty chair while top executives from Facebook and Twitter appeared. Offended lawmakers derided Google as "arrogant."

The European Commission already has imposed fines totaling \$7.8 billion after concluding the company had unfairly used its search engine to highlight its own services and illegally bundled together its products in Android. □

# Virtual learning: using AI, immersion to teach Chinese

By MICHAEL HILL

TROY, N.Y. (AP) — To learn Chinese in this room, talk to the floating panda head.

The Mandarin-speaking avatar zips around a 360-degree restaurant scene in an artificial intelligence-driven instruction program that looks like a giant video game. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute students testing the technology move inside the 12-foot-high, wrap-around projection to order virtual bean curd from the panda waiter, chat with Beijing market sellers and practice tai chi by mirroring moves of a watchful mentor.

"Definitely less anxiety than messing it up with a real human being," says Rahul Divekar, a computer science graduate student working on the project. "So compared to that anxiety, this is a lot more easy."

The "Mandarin Project" is



In this Aug. 22, 2018 image taken from video, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute graduate students Xiangyang Mou, left, and Rahul Divekar interact with a panda avatar that helps teach students Mandarin, at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

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a joint venture of RPI and IBM. Cognitive and Immersive Systems Laboratory researchers are developing a sort of smart room that can understand students' words, answer their questions and perceive their gestures. Lessons are presented as games or tasks, like ordering a meal out.

Divekar orders Peking duck

— "Beijing kaoya" — and the panda fetches the virtual dish. Divekar says the food was good — "Cai hen hao chi" — but he can't pay the bill. No problem, the panda replies — "ni keyi xi pan zi" — you can wash the dishes. Other scenes include an outdoor market and a garden, each a high-tech twist on cultural immersion.

"Our plan is to complete several scenes of real life in China, to let the student be able to have a virtual trip over there," says Hui Su, director of the lab at RPI.

Tests on the room with students studying Mandarin will continue this school year as they work on additional scenes, including an airport. A six-week course is being readied for the summer. Artificial intelligence, or AI, is ubiquitous in everything from call-center chat-bots to home assistants. Even some language instruction products on the market feature AI or virtual reality. The Mandarin Project is notable for its scale and sophistication. Computers simultaneously interpret speech and gesture to keep a dialogue going. When a student points to a picture and asks "What's that?" computers can come up with an answer.

And feedback is immediate. When Divekar orders "dou fu" — or tofu — a voice responds "here's how close you got" and illustrates it with a graph of his intonation. Another voice gives the precise pronunciation. Still, language teachers need not fear for their jobs just yet. Developers of the Mandarin Project say it isn't sophisticated enough right now to completely replace classroom instruction.

RPI president Shirley Ann Jackson foresees the same type of technology being applied to other spaces, such as corporate boardrooms. When the executives discuss a potential acquisition, the room will follow the group discussion and produce relevant information seamlessly into the debate.

"We're not at the end of the line," Jackson says, "but closer to the beginning." □



# Intent on getting a big raise? You may have to quit your job

**By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Despite one of the best job markets in decades, workers across the U.S. economy are struggling with a common frustration: What does it take to finally get a decent raise?

It turns out you might have to quit your job.

Americans who leave their employers to take a new job are enjoying pay raises that are one-third larger than raises for workers who stay put — a gap that has reached the widest point since the Great Recession. At the same time, retail and restaurant workers are receiving more generous raises than manufacturing workers are.

And America's CEOs are getting some of the biggest pay gains of all.

At a time when the average annual wage increase for U.S. workers as a whole remains surprisingly modest given the robust job market, those groups of workers are doing better than average.

Others aren't faring as well. Pay raises for people who have stayed in the same job for the past year, for example, remain relatively stagnant. That trend has confounded some economists. Many had expected that companies would have to pay more to retain employees at a time when workers are harder to find and the unemployment rate, at 3.9 percent, is near a 50-year low.

Nationally, average hourly pay rose 2.7 percent in July from a year earlier, before adjusting for inflation. That is modest by historical standards. The last time unemployment was this low, in the late 1990s, pay raises for Americans as a whole averaged roughly 4 percent.

And once you factor in inflation, average hourly pay has actually declined slightly over the past 12 months.

With midterm elections looming, the Trump administration is pushing back against the notion that paychecks aren't growing. In a report released Wednesday,



In this Feb. 15, 2017, file photo a hotel guest is dwarfed by the glass facade of the JW Marriott hotel as he rides an escalator at the hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

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day, the White House's top economist, Kevin Hassett, asserted that pay is rising if you consider benefits such as health care, an alternative gauge of inflation and the impact of tax cuts.

Yet even by the White House's own measure, wage increases have slowed over the past three years.

Here are some ways in which average pay growth varies depending on the category of worker:

## FIND A NEW JOB, GET A BIG RAISE

It would seem fundamental: If you want a decent raise, find a new job. But it doesn't always work that way. For the first six years after the 2008-2009 Great Recession, people who switched jobs received raises that were scarcely better than those for workers who stayed in their jobs. But since then, the switchers have commanded steadily better raises than the stayers. In July, wages for job switchers grew 3.8 percent from a year earlier, compared with 2.9 percent for those who stayed behind, according to data from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. In February and March this year, that gap reached 1.7 percentage points, the widest disparity since August 2001.

Yet the figures also illustrate how pay is still lagging compared with previous periods of brisk job growth. Even the pay gains for job-switchers are relatively modest compared with periods in the past. Before the recession, job switchers received annual raises of nearly 5 percent. In the late 1990s, they topped 6 percent. Even adjusting for inflation, job switchers fared better in the late 1990s than they do now.

And for roughly three years now, average raises for workers who have stayed in their jobs have remained stuck below 3 percent.

"It's interesting that in a labor market that is this tight, employers do not seem to be raising wages for workers who are staying," said Martha Gimbel, an economist at the job search website Indeed. "That could imply they are not worried about workers being poached, which is surprising."

Gimbel suggested that at least some workers might be staying in their jobs because of a growing use of "non-compete" agreements, which restrict workers from jumping to competitors. Such agreements have been used increasingly even in low-wage jobs such as fast-food work.

In addition, many job-switchers may have mas-

tered high-tech and other skill sets that allow them to command higher wages as competition for such workers heats up.

## LOWER-PAID WORKERS RECEIVE SOLID GAINS

For six years after the recession, the lowest-paid workers received the thinnest wage gains — and in several years their pay declined. Yet since 2015, they have clawed back some of those losses.

For the lowest-paid one-fifth of the workforce, wages rose 2.3 percent in 2017, adjusted for inflation, according to the Economic Policy Institute, a liberal think tank. That topped the average for middle-income workers, whose pay gains inched up just 0.2 percent.

It's also ahead of the richest one-tenth of workers, whose pay rose 1.9 percent. Low-paid workers also saw a huge gain in 2016 that ran far ahead of middle-income and wealthy employees.

What's driving the outsize increases for lower-paid workers?

More than 20 states have raised their minimum wages above the federal minimum of \$7.25, some of them substantially higher. The minimum is now \$11 in California, for example,

and \$11.50 in Washington state.

The ultra-low unemployment rate has also helped. Many businesses say they are desperate to find workers. And in some lower-skilled industries, such as restaurants, they have to pay more to find staff.

"We're seeing about as strong a labor market for less-skilled workers as we've seen in a really long time," said Jason Furman, the top White House economist under President Barack Obama.

## CEOs STILL RAKING IT IN

Even as poorer workers have fared better, CEOs, not surprisingly, have done best.

In 2017, the chief executives of the 350 largest publicly traded U.S. companies reported, on average, an increase in compensation of nearly 18 percent, according to a report by the Economic Policy Institute. That compares with a puny raise of just 0.3 percent for all other workers in the same industries. Both figures are adjusted for inflation.

Larry Mishel, senior economist at EPI, said CEO pay jumped largely because it is closely tied to the health of the stock market. The S&P 500 stock index soared 22 percent in 2017. Most CEO pay comes in the form of stock options, which are much more lucrative in a rising market.

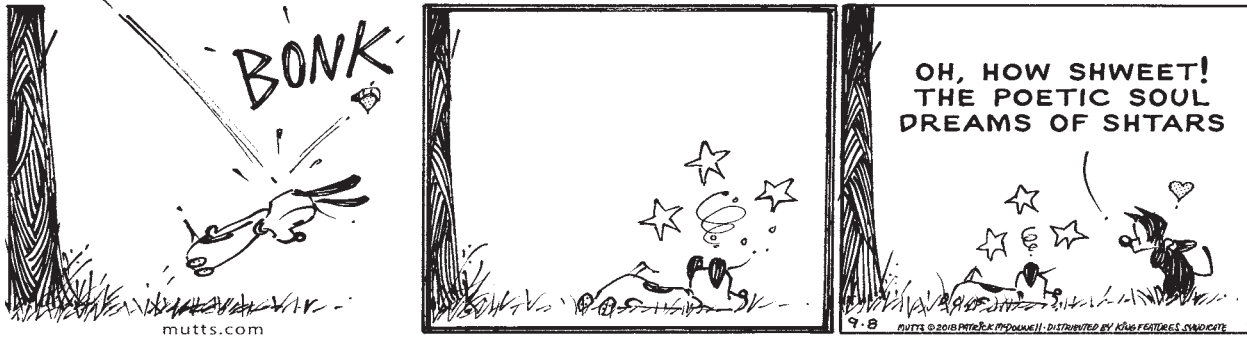
That means a plummeting stock market can lower CEO pay, which fell nearly 30 percent in 2008, during the recession. Yet for perspective, the pay of CEOs of the largest firms still averaged nearly \$11 million that year, according to the EPI's figures. In 2017, large-company CEOs made \$18.9 million, on average. That is 312 times the average pay of workers in the same industries, which reached \$62,431 last year.

## SOLID GAINS FOR WHITES AND LATINOS

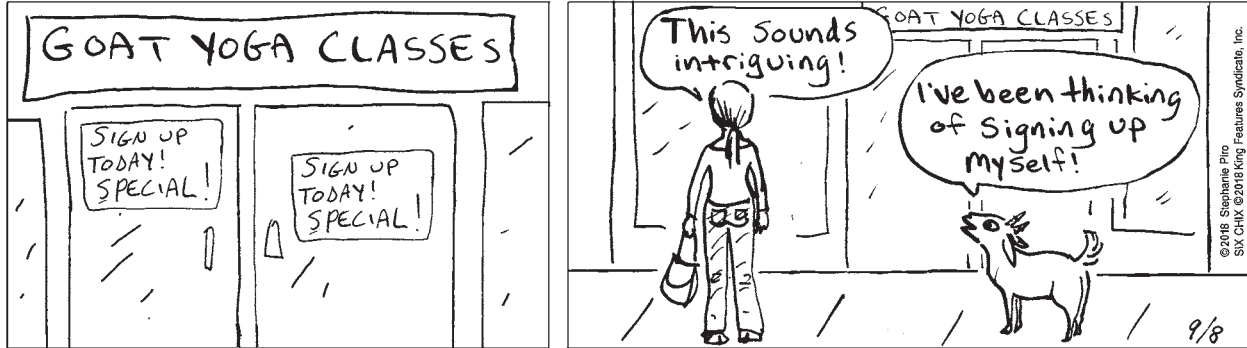
White Americans, on average, earn much more than African-Americans or Latinos. □



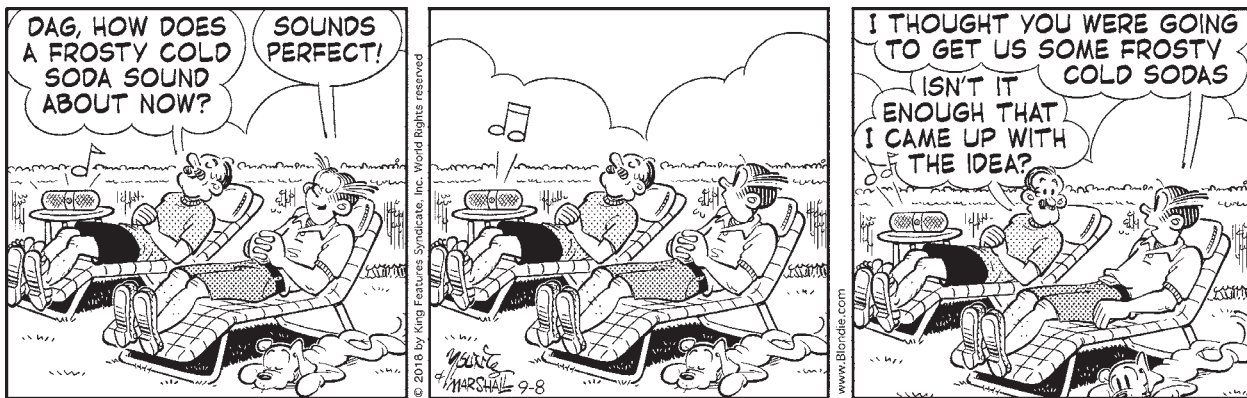
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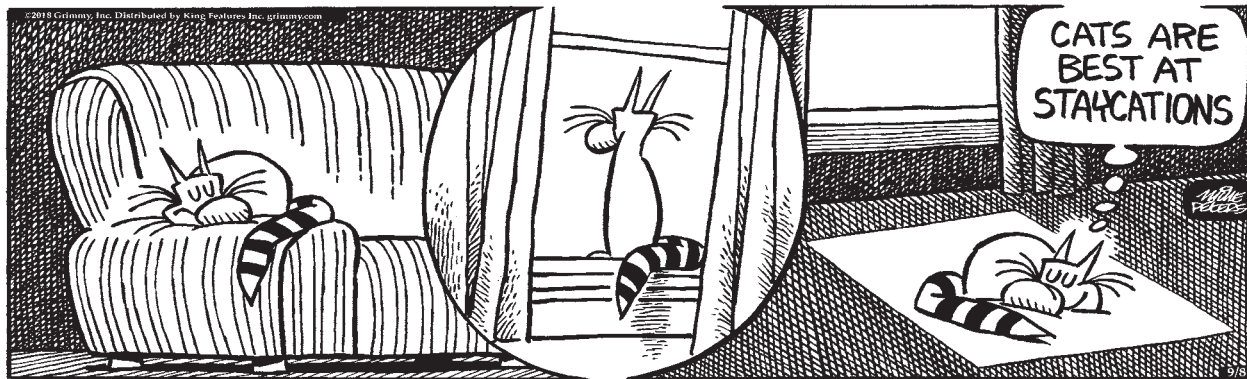
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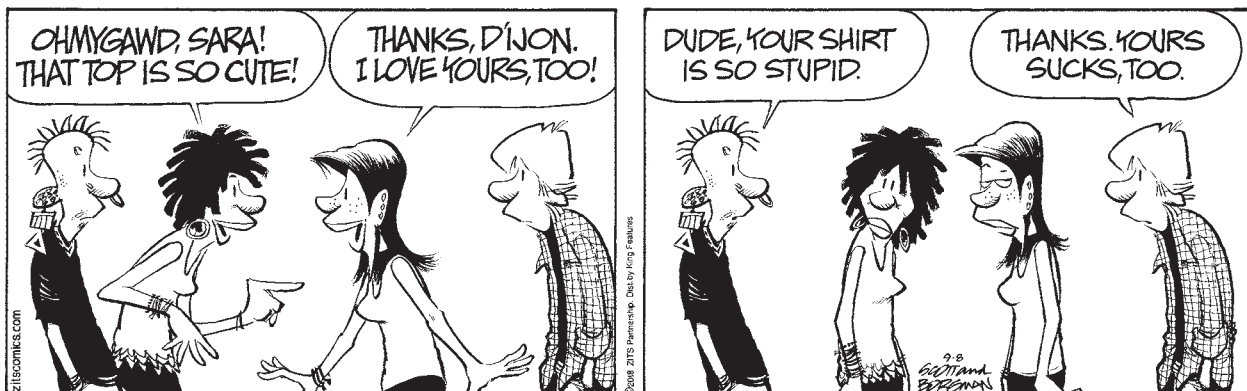
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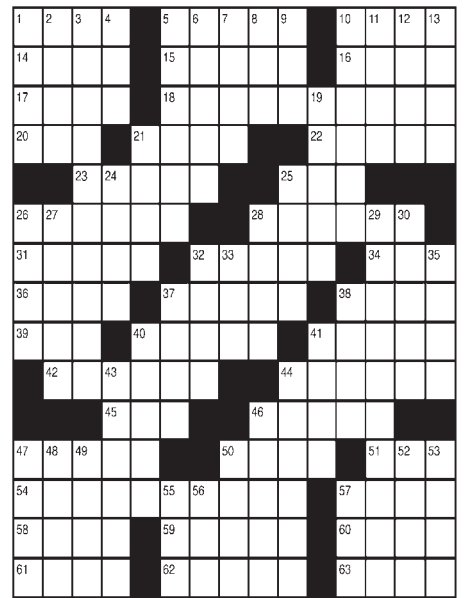
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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6	9	2	8	7	5	3	4	1
8	1	4	2	3	9	5	6	7
2	7	1	4	9	8	6	5	3
5	4	9	3	2	6	1	7	8
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## ACROSS

- Terry cloth garment
- Tiny branches
- Fired a gun
- Feels awful
- Pyle or Kovacs
- 0, in tennis
- In addition to
- Summer fruits
- Eliot's monogram
- "obliged"; phrase of gratitude
- Real estate; house seller
- Actor Gable
- Speedometer letters
- Word to a naughty child
- Stringed instrument
- out; makes level
- Berate
- Piece of furniture
- off; angry
- Sandbank
- Scoop holder
- York section
- Arose
- Julius Caesar or Sophia Loren
- Giggle
- Sermon
- In a; all lined up
- Honeydew or cantaloupe
- Fling
- one's time; wait
- Performance
- Hard-nosed; willful
- Competent
- Strong desire
- Small weight
- Pleased
- Leaves
- Longest continental mountain range
- Franklin & Stiller
- Engrossed
- Aromatherapy liquids
- Pigeon's cry



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## Friday's Puzzle Solved

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- Hit the ceiling
- James; Sean Connery role
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- Baseball score
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This composite image from Aug. 9, 2018 photos made available by NASA shows the Curiosity rover at Vera Rubin Ridge on Mars. Associated Press

## NASA's Mars rover Curiosity snaps dusty selfie

By MARCIA DUNN  
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA's Mars rover Curiosity has snapped a dusty but cool selfie. NASA released the panorama this week. A thin layer of dust is visible on Curiosity, the result of a

storm that enveloped Mars this summer. The darkish sky indicates dust still clogging the atmosphere in August, when the panorama was shot by Curiosity's mast camera. The rover had just drilled for a new rock sample. □

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# Word detectives: Close look at word choice could ID writer

By SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Language detectives say the key clues to who wrote the anonymous New York Times opinion piece slamming President Donald Trump may not be the odd and glimmering "lodestar," but the itty-bitty words that people usually read right over: "I," "of" and "but."

And lodestar? That could be a red herring meant to throw sleuths off track, some experts say.

Experts use a combination of language use, statistics and computer science to help figure out who wrote documents that are anonymous or possibly plagiarized. They've even solved crimes and historical mysteries that way. Some call the field forensic linguistics, others call it stylometry or simply doing "author attribution."

The field is suddenly at center stage after an unidentified "senior administration official" wrote in the Times that he or she was part of a "resistance" movement working from within the administration to curb Trump's most dangerous impulses.

"My phone has been ringing off the hook with requests to do that analysis and I just don't have the time," says Duquesne University computer and language scientist Patrick Juola.

Robert Leonard, a Hofstra University linguistics professor who has helped solve murders by examining language, says if experts could get the right number of writing samples from officials whose identities are known, "an analysis could certainly be done."

One political scientist figures there are about 50 people in the Trump administration who fit the



In this April 25, 2006, file photo, Robert Leonard, a Hofstra University college professor teaching forensic linguistics, lectures to students at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.

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Times' description as a senior administration official and could be the author. The key would be to look at how they write, the words they use, what words they put next to each other, spelling, punctuation and even tenses, experts say.

"Language is a set of choices. What to say, how to say and when to say it," Juola says. "And there's a lot of different options."

One of the favorite techniques of Juola and other experts is to look at what's called "function words." These are words people use all the time but that are hard to define because they more provide function than meaning. Some examples are "of," "with," "the," "a," "over" and "and."

"We all use them but we don't use them in the same way," Juola says. "We don't use them in the same frequency." Same goes with apostrophes and other punctuation.

For example, do you say "different from" or "different than?" asks computer science and data expert Shlomo Argamon of the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Women tend to use first- and second-person pronouns more — "I," "me" and "you" — and more present tense, Argamon says. Men use "the," "of," "this" and "that" more often, he says.

"You look for clues and you try to assess the usefulness of those clues," Argamon says. But he is less optimistic that the Trump opinion piece case will be cracked for various reasons, including the New York Times' editing for style and possible efforts to fool language detectives with words that someone else likes to use such as "lodestar." Mostly, he's pessimistic because to do a proper comparison, samples from all suspects

have to be gathered and have to be similar, such as all opinion columns as opposed to novels, speeches or magazine stories.

Rachel Greenstadt at Drexel University studies when people try to throw off investigators with words they don't normally use or purposeful bad spellings. She says her first instinct is that the word "lodestar" — one Vice President Mike Pence has used several times — is "a red herring." It seems too deliberate.

"Most people are still looking for sound bite-sized features like lodestar instead of trying to get a handle on the whole picture," says Hofstra's Leonard.

Greenstadt says language analysis "could kind of contribute to the picture" of who wrote the Times' opinion pieces, but she adds "by itself, I'd be concerned to use it."

Still, with the right conditions words matter. Juola testified in about 15 trials and handled even more cases that never made it to court. His biggest case was in 2013,

when a British newspaper got a tip that the book "The Cuckoo's Calling" by Robert Galbraith was really written by Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling. In about an hour, Juola fed two Rowling books, "The Cuckoo's Calling" and six other novels into his computer, analyzed the language patterns with four different systems and concluded that Rowling did it.

A couple of days later, Rowling confessed.

It was far from the first time that language use fingered the real culprit. The Unabomber's brother identified him because of his distinctive writing style. Field pioneers helped find a kidnapper who used the unique term "devil strip" for the grassy area between the sidewalk and road. The phrase is only used in parts of Ohio.

Even in politics, words are poker tells. In 1996, the novel "Primary Colors" about a Clintonesque presidential candidate set Washington abuzz trying to figure out who was the anonymous author. An analysis by a Vassar professor and other work pointed to Newsweek's Joe Klein and he finally admitted it.

But the literary sleuthing goes back to the founding of the republic. Historians had a hard time figuring out which specific Federalist Papers were written by Alexander Hamilton and which were by James Madison. A 1963 statistical analysis figured it out: One of the many clues came down to usage of the words "while" and "whilst." Madison used "whilst"; Hamilton preferred "while."

Juola says experts in the field can generally tell introverts from extroverts, men from women, education level, age, location, almost everything but astrological sign.

"The science is very good," Juola said. "It's not quite DNA. It's actually considered by some scientists to be considered the second-most accurate form of forensic identification we have because it is so good." □

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# Tom Ford looks back on his career with leather and lace

By **LEANNE ITALIE**

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Gigi Hadid took a dramatic twirl on the runway and Cardi B took a seat on Tom Ford's front row as he kicked off New York Fashion Week with a ready-to-wear collection that was both romantic and hard-edged. The spring-summer looks for all genders had the designer looking back on his long career to the simplest reason he got into the business in the first place: "I wanted to make men and women feel more beautiful and to empower them with a feeling of confidence," he said in show notes.

"I feel that fashion has somehow lost its way a bit," Ford explained. "I did not want to make clothes that were ironic or clever, but simply clothes that were beautiful."

Ford made use of flesh tones, warm whites, powder blue, blush pink and the palest lilac with touches of lace and chiffon to achieve the soft and sensuous part of Wednesday



Fashion designer Tom Ford salutes during his show at the Fashion Week in New York, Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018.

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night's equation. He offered the structure of hard leather and the sheen of fake crocodile for toughness.

There was an abundance of black, including a dreamy caped dress worn by his closer, Hadid. Kaia Gerber wore a head scarf of soft taupe, while other

models swished in silk fringe paired with printed crocodile bodices, tailored animal print corsets and halters with matching biker jackets.

For the men, tuxedo jackets came in metallics, a Ford signature. For the women, skirts hovered just below the knee, some in

an asymmetrical design. A few loose dresses included leather corset detailing. And their shoes? Beautiful with the edge he was going for in metal caps at the toes and heels.

Henry Golding, who plays hunky Nick in the summer smash "Crazy Rich Asians," wore a white tuxedo jack-

et. He and Tom Hanks flanked Vogue's Anna Win-tour, with Cardi nearby, her hair down but swept back, statement earrings in place as she showed off a form-fitting black gown to the ground after giving birth to Kulture Kiari in July. Paris Jackson, Hailee Steinfeld and Hanks' wife, Rita Wilson, also attended.

Golding was celebrating the success of his rom-com: "It's three weeks at the top. It's pretty amazing so we're blessed," he told The Associated Press.

Cardi was happy to be out, but missing her Kulture.

"It feels good and it feels like, oh I want to go to my baby now. ... I wish I could take her everywhere," she told the AP.

She said "little by little" she's getting back into the swing of music, fashion and life in general, but it's been tough.

"I'm struggling with it," she said of the postpartum blues she's been experiencing. "I miss her even when I'm, like, in another room away from her." □

# The fine return of rock swashbuckler Lenny Kravitz

By **MARK KENNEDY**

**Associated Press**

**Lenny Kravitz, "Raise Vibration" (BMG)**

In these divided times, we need a musical hero to bring us together. Preferably, we need a rock 'n' roll swashbuckler who can carry a message of love and a whole lot of funk. We need Lenny Kravitz.

Thankfully, here he comes with the eclectic 12-track "Raise Vibration," an album that's both scolding and wistful. It might be uneven, but when Kravitz is in full groove mode, he's still brilliant. He's even managed to raise Michael Jackson from the grave.

The first half is the Kravitz we know and love, the guy standing at the intersection of '70s rock, soul and blues, not afraid of a horn section. It's music that resembles its maker's style — cool sunglasses, motorcycle boots and well-worn jeans.

He comes out of the gate with the foot-stomping, arena-ready "We Can Get It All Together" and then gets gorgeously slinky in "Low," which loops an old Jackson "Hoo!" from a past recording session. (That might sound creepy but it's handled nicely and understated.)

On the standout "It's Enough," Kravitz gets downright preachy in a Marvin Gaye vibe, tackling racial problems, police mortality, war and environmental problems. "Why has all the food become modified?/ Pushing all your drugs just to keep us high," he sings.

He keeps up the pressure on the psychedelic anti-war anthem "Who Really Are the Monsters?" and promotes peaceful protest in the tambourine-heavy title cut. "Let your ego die," he advises in it.

As usual, Kravitz plays most of the instruments him-



This cover image released by BMG shows "Raise Vibration," a release by Lenny Kravitz.

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self, with longtime guitarist Craig Ross. Most of the songs clock in at over 5 minutes, letting Kravitz add,

say, a saxophone or a conga solo.

The fifth song needs some background to fully en-

joy it. Yes, Mr. Kravitz did just sing: "Just hold me like Johnny Cash." Evidently the Man in Black and his wife, June, comforted a distraught Kravitz after he learned that his mother had died. That tenderness is captured in the country-ish "Johnny Cash."

There are actually three references to dead music icons on "Raise Vibration." In addition to Jackson and Cash, Kravitz in the credits thanks "The Spirit of Prince Rogers Nelson."

The album hits a wall halfway through, with "Gold Dust" failing to make much of an impact and the very thin "Ride" containing some of the most irritating synthesizer work this decade. The closer, "I'll Always Be Inside Your Soul," is flat and uninspired. Still, Kravitz has given us enough meaty tunes to last us until he's ready again to come riding to our rescue. □



# With 2 Netflix rom-coms, Noah Centineo is having a moment

By LINDSEY BAHR

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — If you have a Netflix account, chances are you recognize actor Noah Centineo. Although, like the best teen heartthrobs of generations past, you'd be forgiven if you only know him by his character's name: Peter Kavinsky, the high school lacrosse-playing romantic from "To All the Boys I've Loved Before." And yes, like Jake Ryan ("Sixteen Candles") and Jordan Catalano ("My So-Called Life") before him, both names are required.

Since "To All the Boys I've Loved Before" hit the 125-million subscriber streaming service on Aug. 17, Peter Kavinsky has become a mini phenomenon, inspiring memes, tweets and think pieces from every corner of the internet about why Peter Kavinsky and his woke, pocket-twirling ways is the boyfriend we need right now. Centineo, 22, got over 1 million new Instagram followers in a day. Two weeks later it was up to 6 million. Now, it's sitting at over 8.2 million.



In this Aug. 30, 2018 photo, Noah Centineo poses for a portrait to promote his Netflix film, "To All the Boys I've Loved Before," in Los Angeles.

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And this Friday, he'll grace the small screen again as Netflix drops another high school rom-com, "Sierra Burgess is a Loser" into the homes of newly minted Centineo fans. (An internet campaign has already started to give his lovesick character Jamey a last

name).

"Luckily Twitter exists on a two-dimensional plane," laughed Centineo on a recent afternoon at Netflix's headquarters in Los Angeles. "It's not like I have 6 million plus people walking around with me every day. That would be insane."

The "instant" stardom has been a long-time coming for Centineo, a Florida-native who decided he wanted to act at age 8. At 15, after appearing on the Disney Channel's "Austin & Ally," he convinced his family to move out to Los Angeles full-time. When he arrived, he was always working and auditioning, but it was, as he describes it, "a slow climb."

In fact, right before he was cast on the Freeform show "The Fosters" at age 18, he had a crisis of confidence wondering if he should even be an actor. He wasn't able to book jobs or go out on auditions for six months because of a Disney pilot that never ended up going to series and felt that he'd lost his sense of purpose.

"It got dark," Centineo said. "I'm like what am I doing with my life? Who cares if I'm an actor? Who cares if I'm successful? And as soon as I realized yeah this isn't for me...my life, my career, everything I do should be

for others, there should be a deeper purpose outside of wanting to get money and be famous and live my own passion, that's when 'The Fosters' hit and I don't believe in coincidence."

And then came one-two punch of "To All the Boys I've Loved Before" and "Sierra Burgess is a Loser," both via the same casting director. "Sierra Burgess" shot first, in early 2017. The film stars Shannon Purser (aka Barb from "Stranger Things") as a girl who finds herself in a texting relationship with Centineo's Jamey, a football player with a nerdy side who believes he's talking to a different girl (a cheerleader).

"What I love about Jamey is how he's goofy and he's a jock and he's like 'Yo, we are allowed to be both sides of the spectrum in one human being,'" Centineo said. "I like Peter K because the boy is an ego-maniac. He's definitely not as smart as Jamey, but he's sensitive, and a bit more extreme but still really loving and protective."

Centineo almost sabotaged his "To All The Boys..." audition by arriving late to the chemistry read with Lana Condor. He was given the wrong address, and was mortified about it. As soon as he left, he had a dozen Sprinkles cupcakes

sent over to the folks in the room, including director Susan Johnson.

"He's just charming. He can't not be charming," said Johnson. "I pulled him aside at the end of the shoot and said, 'You can go wherever you want to go and do any role you want to do. You have that much of a gift and I hope you'll be super choosy.' He's more than just the guy who is charming and cute on screen. He has depth to him that I think everyone is going to be excited to see in future roles."

And, to be fair, Centineo thought he was doing two indies. Neither was a Netflix movie when he signed up and both were acquired by the service as part of a "summer of love" push and set for release within three weeks of one another. Needless to say, he's taking this moment in stride.

"I'd like to think that my big break has yet to come," he said. "I like to think everything has been slowly progressing toward the ultimate picture. Of what I don't know, but we're still painting."

And he has lofty artistic ambitions in movies and beyond — art, philanthropy, music — and would like to work with directors like Gaspar Noe, Terrence Malick, Wes Anderson, the Coens and the Nolans.

"I'll play any character," he said. "Serial killer. Heroin addict. Nice boy. Jock. Bully. Nerd."

Now, he's just grateful, although there is the distinct impression that he is a little reticent to talk about his vast new following.

"I recognize the gravity of the situation and I recognize how much responsibility comes with it," he said. "It's like if you're an actor your whole life you're working and working and you're trying to get into this forest with this big monster and you finally get into the forest with monster and it can be really nice to you, but at a moment's notice it can turn around and eat you. I'm finally in the forest and wondering what's going to happen. It's fun." □

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# Burt Reynolds, star of film, TV and tabloids, dead at 82

By JOHN ROGERS

Associated Press

Burt Reynolds, the handsome film and television star known for his acclaimed performances in "Deliverance" and "Boogie Nights," commercial hits such as "Smokey and the Bandit" and for an active off-screen love life which included relationships with Loni Anderson and Sally Field, has died at age 82.

In a statement, his niece, Nancy Lee Hess, called his death Thursday "totally unexpected," although she acknowledged he had health issues.

"He was tough. Anyone who breaks their tail bone on a river and finishes the movie is tough. And that's who he was."

Hess noted her uncle's kindness and generosity, and thanked "all of his amazing fans who have always supported and cheered him on, through all of the hills and valleys of his life and career."

The mustached, smirking Reynolds inspired a wide range of responses over his long, erratic career: critical acclaim and critical scorn, popular success and box office bombs. Reynolds made scores of movies, ranging from lightweight fare such as the hits "The Cannonball Run" and "Smokey and the Bandit" to more serious films like "The Longest Yard" and "The Man Who Loved Cat Dancing."

He received some of the film world's highest and lowest honors. He was nominated for an Oscar for "Boogie Nights," the Paul Thomas Anderson film about the pornography industry; won an Emmy for the TV series "Evening Shade," and was praised for his starring role in "Deliverance."

But he also was a frequent nominee for the Razzie, the tongue-in-cheek award for Hollywood's worst performance, and his personal life provided ongoing drama, particularly after an acrimonious divorce from Anderson in 1995.

He had a troubled marriage to Judy Carne, a romance with Dinah Shore



In this Aug. 22, 2015 file photo, Burt Reynolds appears at the Wizard World Chicago Comic-Con in Chicago.

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and a relationship with Field damaged by his acknowledged jealousy of her success.

Through it all he presented a genial persona, often the first to make fun of his own conflicted image.

"My career is not like a regular chart, mine looks like a heart attack," he told The Associated Press in 2001. "I've done over 100 films, and I'm the only actor who has been canned by all three networks. I epitomize longevity."

Born in Lansing, Michigan and raised in Florida, he was an all-Southern Conference running back at Florida State University in the 1950s. Reynolds appeared headed to the NFL until a knee injury and an automobile accident ended his chances. He dropped out of college and drifted to New York, where he worked as a dockhand, dance-hall bouncer, bodyguard and dish washer before return-

ing to Florida in 1957 and enrolling in acting classes. In the 1960s he made dozens of guest-star appearances on such TV shows as "Bonanza," "The Twilight Zone" and "Perry Mason." His first film role came in 1961's "Angel Baby," and he followed it with numerous other mediocre movies, the kind, he liked to joke, that were shown in airplanes and prisons.

He did become famous enough to make frequent appearances on "The Tonight Show," leading to his most cherished film role and to his greatest folly. In the early 1970s, director John Boorman was impressed by how confidently Reynolds handled himself when subbing for Carson as host of "The Tonight Show." Boorman thought he might be right for a film adaptation of James Dickey's novel "Deliverance."

Reynolds starred as Lewis Medlock, the intrepid lead-

er of an ill-fated whitewater canoe trip. When he and three other Atlanta businessmen are ambushed by violent backwoodsmen, Reynolds must guide the group to safety.

"Deliverance" was an Oscar nominee for best picture and no film made him prouder. In his 2015 memoir "But Enough About Me," he wrote that "Deliverance" would be his choice could he put one of his movies in a time capsule.

"It proved I could act," he wrote.

But soon after filming was completed, he made a decision he never stopped regretting. While appearing on "The Tonight Show" with Cosmopolitan editor Helen Gurley Brown, he agreed to her invitation, offered during a commercial break, to be the first male centerfold for her magazine.

"I was flattered and intrigued," Reynolds wrote in his memoir. The April 1972 is-

sue of Cosmopolitan quickly sold more than 1 million copies, but turned his life into a "carnival." The centerfold would appear on T-shirts, panties and other merchandise and Reynolds began receiving obscene fan mail. Reynolds' performance in "Deliverance" was snubbed by the movie academy.

He did remain an A-list movie star, starring in such films as "Shamus," "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" and three popular "Smokey and the Bandit" comedies, with co-stars including Field and Jackie Gleason.

In the 1980s, his career was nearly destroyed when false rumors surfaced that he was infected with the AIDS virus, in the height of hysteria over the disease. He had injured his jaw making the 1984 comedy "City Heat" with Clint Eastwood. Barely able to eat, he lost 50 pounds and suddenly looked emaciated.

"For two years I couldn't get a job," he told the AP in 1990. "I had to take five physicals to get a job. I had to take the pictures that were offered to me. I did action pictures because I was trying to prove that I was well."

He eventually regained his health, and in 1988 he married Anderson.

But the couple divorced in 1995, and their breakup was an embarrassing public spectacle, with the pair exchanging insults in print interviews and on television shows. Reynolds finally paid her a \$2 million settlement and a vacation home to settle the divorce.

He rebounded once again, this time with the role of porn movie impresario Jack Horner in "Boogie Nights," which brought him some of his best reviews.

He won a Golden Globe for best supporting actor and received an Oscar nomination. Convinced he would win, he was devastated when the Oscar went to Robin Williams for "Good Will Hunting."

"I once said that I'd rather have a Heisman Trophy than an Oscar," he wrote in his memoir. "I lied." □



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